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*The End Of An Era In Agawam...*

# JOHNSON NOT RUNNING

## Town's First And Only Mayor Calling It Quits After 10 Years

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor



Citing the desire to resume his career as a practicing attorney as well as a desire to spend more time with his family, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson will not seek a sixth term in office.

Elected 10 years ago as Agawam's first mayor, Johnson said a number of factors influenced his decision to bow out of public office, including a belief that both he and the town are ready for a change. It was a difficult decision and Johnson was torn between continuing in a job he loves and returning to his roots in the law.

While not willing to lay responsibility for his decision on his two week-old infant daughter, Johnson said the birth of his first child, Emily Rose, entered into his decision not to run for mayor.

"I want to be able to spend time with my daughter and I don't want to be constantly faced with making a choice between being with Emily and doing this job," Johnson said. "Everyone occasionally has to work nights or weekends, but there's a pretty steady stream of nights and weekends working as the mayor."

Even on the day he and his wife, Anna, took their daughter home from the hospital, Johnson was facing an evening meeting of the School Committee and later in the week, there would be evening events on Thursday and Friday, as well as a commitment on Sunday.

### Time For A Change

"I love what I do and I love the people I work with, but it is time for me to make a change. I never intended being mayor would be my career and I believe elected public service shouldn't be a career," Johnson said. "I think I've brought Agawam in a very positive direction and it's time for someone else to build on what I've done."

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Looking back on his 10-year incumbency, Johnson said his most important accomplishments were the acquisition of the Agawam Municipal Golf Course and the acquisition of Tuckahoe Turf Farm for preservation as open space.

"It gives me a lot of satisfaction to know that over 400 acres of open space is going to be preserved for future generations to enjoy," Johnson said.

Education has been his top priority during his decade in office and Johnson believes the town has made great strides in improving the public schools under his leadership. "The biggest project we've had is the \$20 million school additions and renovations. We've also rewritten the curriculum, increased the teaching staff by 10 percent, and introduced a tremendous amount of technology in the schools," Johnson said.

In addition to open space acquisition and improvements in education, other accomplishments of his term include the new fire headquarters; a library expansion project that has been approved for state funding; a capital improvement plan that is well on the path to meeting the town's needs; one of the lowest single family tax rates in the area; and a tax rate that has seen no net increase over the last four years.

In the area of town services, Johnson cited an overall improvement in the quality of services provided to the taxpayers and the way customers are treated. In the area of advanced life support ser-

## New Transit And Paratransit Service

As of Friday, June 4th, PVTa began service to Riverside Park, Work Opportunity Center, and Country Estates Nursing Home via the new Route 26. Schedules are available at the PVTa Information Center or by asking your driver.

Route Red 14 returned to regular service on Monday, June 7th.

Complimentary paratransit van service is available during the same days and hours as the bus route.

Certified ADA clients who live within three-quarters of a mile of this route can call the PVTa at 734-1040 to make travel arrangements.

vices, the Fire Department has gone from having one paramedic 10 years ago to 11 paramedics today, and there are now 30 EMT's compared to 14 a decade ago.

The Police Department has increased the number of officers, instituted a program of community policing, and brought in over \$1 million in state and federal grant funding, Johnson said.

### Best Financial Shape In History Of Town

His successor will be taking over the reins of government at a time when the town is in the best financial shape in its history, due in large part to the stability of the administration over the last 10 years and the work of a "very talented group of department heads. When I was elected, Agawam had had seven permanent town managers in a 17-year period and a host of temporary managers. But, we've had stable leadership for the last 10 years, rather than a succession of administrations taking off in different directions," Johnson said.

The decision not to run for another term was made with the full support of his family—some favored another campaign; some did not; Anna was natural, Johnson said. Although he has no definite career plans at present, Johnson will take the next six months figuring out what direction to go in and exploring the available options before making a decision that will be in the best interest of his family.

Johnson has not yet decided if he will give his endorsement to any mayoral candidate or if he will play any role in the upcoming municipal election.



MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1999 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of WILLIAM MOCCIO, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-55, Paragraph B-30 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of a trucking terminal at the premises identified as: 339 SILVER STREET.

Doreen Prouty  
Acting Chairperson

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 17, 1999 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Thomas Russo, Jr. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Moreau Estates, a proposed six (6) lot subdivision to be located off of South Street.

Per order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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## Letters To The Editor

### Granger Students Enjoy A Fun And Educational Experience

#### To The Editor:

Fourth-grade students at Granger School visited the Holyoke Children's Museum to view "The Body Playground," a collection of exhibits that takes a unique look at the human body.

The students experienced "The Wellness Climber," "Hearin' Now," "The Aortic Orchestra," "The Body of Water," and "CM-TV-40 Television Studio."

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. Bus transportation was funded by the Granger School PTO.

Thank you both for promoting this fun and educational day.

Sincerely,  
Cathy Gomes  
Health Education Supervisor, K-6  
Agawam Public Schools

### AHS Softball Booster Club Thanks Area Businesses

#### To The Editor:

AHS girls' softball Booster Club would like to thank the following businesses for their support during this year's softball season:

John's Trucking, Parotta Auto Service, Forastiere Funeral Home, Phipps Discount Liquors, Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Agawam Police Association, Stop & Shop, Nicki's Pizza, Agawam UNICO, Lucia Lumber, Agawam Lions Club, Polish Club, Olympic Manufacturing, and H.P. Hood.

Sincerely,  
The AHS Softball Booster Club

### Brownies Appreciate Help With Memorial Day Float

#### To The Editor:

Girl Scout Brownie Troop No. 559 would like to thank Stepanik Farm, Cecchi Farm, and Morris Farm for their flower donations, and The Party Warehouse for a store discount.

We would also like to thank Mike Lyons of Lyons Electric Service. Mike helped us assemble our float, as well as donated the use of his ATV (all-terrain vehicle) and trailer. He also provided the lumber, plastic tubing, hay, money, etc.

To everyone who contributed to our Memorial Day parade float, we thank you.

Once again, Troop No. 559 would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our veterans for the freedom we have today!

Past or present — it is support such as this that will engrave special memories ... not only for our children, but the community as a whole.

Theresa DeGiulio  
Leader, Troop No. 559

### Local Vets Are Lucky To Have Ruth Bitzas Working For Them

#### To The Editor:

Over the last three years, I have gone to Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas for help on three separate occasions.

She is a very gracious and friendly person who's very willing to help any veteran with anything they need. I know she has worked hard on my account.

Veterans in this area should be thankful we have her. With her help, Memorial Day was one of my nicer days.

Al Peckham  
Agawam

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On Saturday, June 12th...

## Agawam Police & Kiwanis To Hold Annual Bike Safety Rodeo For Kids

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The Agawam Police Department is teaming up with the Agawam Kiwanis Club to offer parents the chance to purchase a low cost bike helmet for kids while the kids have fun learning how to keep themselves safe riding their bikes.

The Police Department, along with the Kiwanis, is sponsoring a Bike Safety Rodeo in the parking lot of Agawam Junior High School on Saturday, June 12th between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Children of all ages will receive a certificate of completion for riding the rodeo course and parents will have the opportunity to purchase an ANSI approved bike helmet for their children for \$8.00.

APD Safety Officer (Sergeant) Richard Gallerani said, "We want to make sure the parents and kids know that a safety helmet is required for the kids to ride their bikes in the rodeo."

Representatives of Axler's Bicycle Corner will be on hand to provide bike safety inspections, while D.A.R.E. officers and bike patrol officers will be registering bikes for the Police Department's Theft Prevention Program.

The annual rodeo has been a big hit with both parents and children, attracting upwards of 200 young bike riders, according to the police.

As they have in the past, members of the Kiwanis Club will be helping the kids navigate their way through a rodeo course that will test their riding skills while helping the young riders build their confidence on a bike.

Gallerani said the rodeo course will feature many of the same events the children have been enjoying for the last several years.

Although the bike rodeo is geared for the elementary and middle school aged children, the bike registration program is open to anyone who owns a bike.

When bikes are registered with the Police Department, the information identifying the bike, including the frame number, is stored in a computer data base and a registration sticker is attached to the frame of the bike. Even if a stolen bike is recovered in another city, the sticker can be traced back to Agawam.

### Hazardous Waste Collection Day On Sat., June 19th

The Town of Agawam's Health Department has announced that a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (by appointment only).

It will be held at the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street, and proof of Agawam residency is required. Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquid or 20 pounds solid.

What's more, home composting bins will be sold the day of the collection.

#### WHAT DO I BRING?

**From the house:** rubber cement, photo chemicals, furniture polish, oven cleaner, drain/toilet cleaners, rug/upholstery cleaner.

**From the garage:** gasoline/kerosene, antifreeze, engine de-greaser, car wax/polish, driveway sealers, roofing tar.

**From the workbench:** oil/latex paints, stains/varnishes, wood preservative, paint stripper/thinner, aerosol cans, adhesives.

**From the yard:** insecticides/fungicides, chemical fertilizers, weed killers, flea control products, no-pest strips, pool chemicals, propane cylinders.

#### WHAT NOT TO BRING:

\* Empty containers. (Do not bring empty paint cans — dried, empty cans can be thrown out in the trash.)

\* Commercially generated wastes.  
\* Radioactive wastes/smoke detectors.  
\* Biological wastes.  
\* Explosives/ammunition.  
\* Prescription medicine/syringes.

\* Motor oil. (This can be brought to the DPW garage, 1347 Main Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

For appointments, call the Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 207.

### Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

### Move Your "Can" ... Your Can Of Gasoline, That Is!!!

Flammable liquids, like gasoline and kerosene, are serious hazards that we keep around our homes. However, if they are stored and used properly and safely, accidents can be avoided.

Most people do not realize that a gallon of gasoline can be as dangerous as 14 sticks of dynamite. When ignited, these flammable liquids (with their invisible vapors) don't burn, but explode! The most likely victims are men and boys between the ages of nine and 35.

The more typical accidents involving flammable liquids happen when:

- Gasoline is used to clean something.
- During the refueling of small engines/motors while they are still hot, or while smoking.
- Applying lighter fluid on a charcoal fire that has already started to burn.

The following guidelines should be used when handling or storing flammable liquids:

- Store in "safety cans" or containers that have been approved for the storage of flammables by Factory Mutual (FM) or Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

- Store outside the home, away from areas where there are pilot lights or other sources of ignition.

- Use solvents designed for cleaning, always following the manufacturer's recommendations for proper use.

- When refueling any engine, turn it off, allow to cool, and extinguish all smoking materials.

Any flammable liquid should be treated with respect in order to prevent accidents. If you have them stored in your home, move your "can" ... for the safety of your family.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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*Promises Different Style Of Leadership...*

## Council President Donald Rheault Announces Candidacy For Mayor

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The first candidate to formally launch a mayoral campaign, Town Council President Donald M. Rheault announced his intention to seek the town's highest elected office earlier this week.

Making his announcement before incumbent Mayor Christopher C. Johnson bowed out of the race, Rheault said the slate of candidates would have no effect on his campaign. Peter Clark, the Agawam High School varsity baseball coach, and his wife, Corby, will coordinate Rheault's campaign, and Rudy Altobelli, the retired town treasurer, will serve as treasurer.

"I purposely chose a husband-and-wife team as my coordinators to bring a mix of genders into my campaign, and I will have several women precinct coordinators," Rheault said. "I want to bring in people with different ideas who are able to recognize the needs of all aspects of the community — from youth to senior citizens on both genders."

Promising a different style of leadership, Rheault said he is a hands-on, people person and he would make Town Hall more user-friendly to both the taxpayers and town employees. "Obviously, I have a different style of leadership and I think that's been evident on Town Council. We haven't had a single dispute on the council in the last year-and-a-half when there used to be battle royals in the past. I think I've proven that I can work with both sides of the aisle. If you're fair to everyone, you gain the respect of everyone," Rheault said.

Drawing on his experience as a field trainer during his years in the pharmaceutical business, Rheault said he knows how to get the most out of people and would boost employee morale by being the kind of boss who remembers the little things that motivate people, like being the first to offer a greeting or taking the time to stop and chat with a DPW crew at work.

And he plans to have all town employees identify themselves when answering the phone — a small detail that will go a long way toward making the public more comfortable when calling Town Hall, Rheault believes.



COUNCIL PRESIDENT DONALD RHEAULT

Rheault said his candidacy is no reflection on Mayor Christopher Johnson, noting that he and the Mayor have gotten along professionally, even when the two haven't always agreed on the issues, and that he is running for the office because he believes it is time for new ideas, new changes, and a new management style after a 10-year incumbency.

Rheault said his policy will be "royal treatment" to all taxpayers and business people alike, and he pledged to work with the citizenry and the business community in a spirit of friendliness and cooperation. As a businessman,

he understands the problems and concerns of the business community and is committed to being a hands-on mayor who routinely visits businesses, finding out about their needs, Rheault said.

### First Priority Is Education...

But, his first priority is education. A product of the Agawam School System, as is his wife, Joan, and their three sons, Michael, Brian, and Scott, Rheault is the grandfather of nine children, all living in Agawam. "Education is everyone's first priority," Rheault said. "It almost sounds like a buzz word to say that, but it is factual — without strong education, the town has nothing."

Other top priorities on Rheault's list included forming a committee of business people to advise the mayor on issues facing the business community, and bringing more than one proposal for a new DPW garage to the council for consideration. Rheault said he would bring the council information on more than one potential site for a DPW garage and then would work with the council to determine which proposal was in the town's best interest.

"I would involve them in the discussion, just as I would encourage the council to step forward with ideas like the possibility of having a Police Commission. We'd discuss the issues and it would be a strong team effort — that's how you get the respect of both sides of the aisle," Rheault said.

Retired from a division of Dow Chemical in 1990, Rheault is the owner of the Message on Hold Network of New England dealership for the last five years. A business associate will take over the responsibility of running the company if Rheault is elected, but he will retain ownership of the firm.

A coach for the Sacred Heart Athletic league for 10 years, Rheault is also the co-founder of the Agawam Athletic Association. He is an elected member of the Sacred Heart Parish Council and a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, serving as the treasurer.

Born in Ware, he has lived in Agawam for 55 years.

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## Senator Linda Melconian Receives Honorary Degree

Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is proud to announce that she has been honored with a Doctor of Laws degree from Saba University School of Medicine. The University honored the Senator for her lifetime efforts to improve healthcare.

"It is a great honor and privilege to receive this degree," said Melconian. "Improving access to healthcare has always been one of my highest priorities as a legislator."

Saba University School of Medicine is based on the island of Saba, a self-governing part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The University provides a high-quality medical education to a select group of American, European, and native students.

Senator Melconian's honorary degree was conferred during a ceremony at the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C. last Saturday, June 5th.

Senator Melconian's position in Senate and committee leadership has allowed her to play a prominent role in gaining passage for a number of pieces of legislation that have become models for legislation both nationally and in other states. She has always been guided by the principal that women, children, and the elderly have special needs that are not met by the healthcare industry.

Melconian's budget initiative created the "Our Babies, Our Future" program. This program has dramatically reduced infant mortality rates in minority communities and has been widely copied.

Melconian also pushed legislation that required insurers to provide 48 hours of post-birth recovery after a vaginal birth, and 96 hours of recovery after a Caesarean section birth. This law, termed the "Drive Through Delivery Act," was later enacted on the national level.

Melconian was one of the first legislators in the Massachusetts Senate to focus on the crucial time from birth to age three. She worked to create early intervention programs for children so any developmental difficulties can be detected at an early age.

Finally, Melconian anticipated the effect that rising drug costs would have on the elderly population and pushed for the creation of a Senior Pharmacy Program. This program helps low-income seniors by reimbursing up to \$750 of their prescription drug costs.

## Veterans' Corner...

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237  
Memorial Day '99

The day was bright and sunny (a little on the warm side), and I think we had one of the largest crowds ever as we presented Al Peckham of Agawam the French Croix de Guerre for his WWII service with the 3rd Infantry Division.

The unit was cited by the Republic of France under Executive Order No. 508. The English translation of the Citation reads as follows:

### TO THE 3RD U.S. INFANTRY DIVISION:

"An elite Division which has remained loyal to its traditions of courage and sacrifice adopted as its own during the last World War when it was nicknamed the 'Rock of the Marne.'"

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"Placed under the command of the General, Commander First French Army in charge of operations in Alsace, it took a large part in the victorious battle of COLMAR through powerful and repeated attacks."

"During the night of the 23rd through the 24th of January 1945, it succeeded in crossing by surprise the FECHT and ILL River and seizing the first enemy position, despite the snowstorm and a field spread with obstacles."

"It never gave the enemy any reprieve and constantly intensifying its efforts, crossed COLMAR Canal to encircle and seize by sheer fighting the town of NEUF-BRISACH, thus cutting off one of the only two retreat routes to the German troops still defending the COLMAR region."

"In the course of these actions it captured more than 4,000 prisoners, thus brilliantly concluding its series of glorious operations which took place from the Mediterranean all the way to the Rhine River."

"This Citation includes the award of the 'Croix de Guerre' with palm."

Paris, March 15, 1945  
Signe: Charles de Gaulle

(NEXT WEEK: Information on "Military Honors" at Massachusetts State Veterans' Cemeteries.)

Best local news...

## Berkshire Power Lawsuit Tossed Out

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Speaking during the portion of Monday night's Town Council meeting set aside for citizens to speak to the councilors, former Town Councilor Louis Russo declared a victory for freedom of speech after a Hampden County Superior Court judge dismissed the libel suit filed by Berkshire Power against him and other members of the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA).

Referring to Berkshire Power's claim of being a good neighbor, Russo told the council, "We're the only good neighbors. We stood up for the community, for the Constitution, and for our right to free speech."

Russo said the CCBA members felt "exonerated" by the judge's ruling.

In July 1997, seeking monetary damages in excess of \$25,000, Berkshire filed suit against members of the CCBA, alleging they had harmed Berkshire Power as a result of improper actions in issuing a libelous publication.

Last week, Judge Peter A. Velis issued his 15-page decision in favor of a request by Russo, former Town Councilor Peter Longo, and resident Barbara Peterson that the suit be dismissed under the state's anti-SLAPP suit law (which protects citizens who speak out in opposition to proposed business ventures, from lawsuits which are intended to intimidate and punish them for becoming involved in public affairs). SLAPP is the acronym for Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Par-

ticipation.

When the suit was filed, Berkshire Power officials said they were taking legal action because the CCBA crossed the line into illegality by publishing misinformation and lies about the power project in a two-page insert in *The Springfield Union News* on July 6, 1997.

But, the CCBA steadfastly maintained that the lawsuit was merely an attempt to intimidate them into giving up their right to free speech and that the group had prepared their flier as a way to raise public awareness of possible environment or quality of life issues that might be associated with the siting of a power plant in town (so that the public could make informed decisions about whether or not they wanted the plant to be built at a November 1997 referendum).

In his decision, Velis found that Berkshire Power had suffered no injury from the CCBA advertisement and that they had some reasonable and reliable factual support for the claims made in the ad.

Under the anti-SLAPP suit, Berkshire Power had the burden of proving that the CCBA's ad was "devoid of any reasonable factual support or any arguable basis in law" and that the company had suffered injury as a result.

"We always knew we had the truth on our side," Russo said.

The judge also dismissed counterclaims filed by CCBA members against Berkshire Power.

## State Rep. Keenan Has 100 Percent Voting Record For Current Legislative Session

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to announce that he has compiled a 100 percent voting record in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for the current legislative session. Thus far, over 100 votes have been cast in the House chamber.

"Maintaining a 100 percent voting record is very important to me," Keenan stated. "I express the voice of my constituency through voting."

The majority of the votes cast are to determine

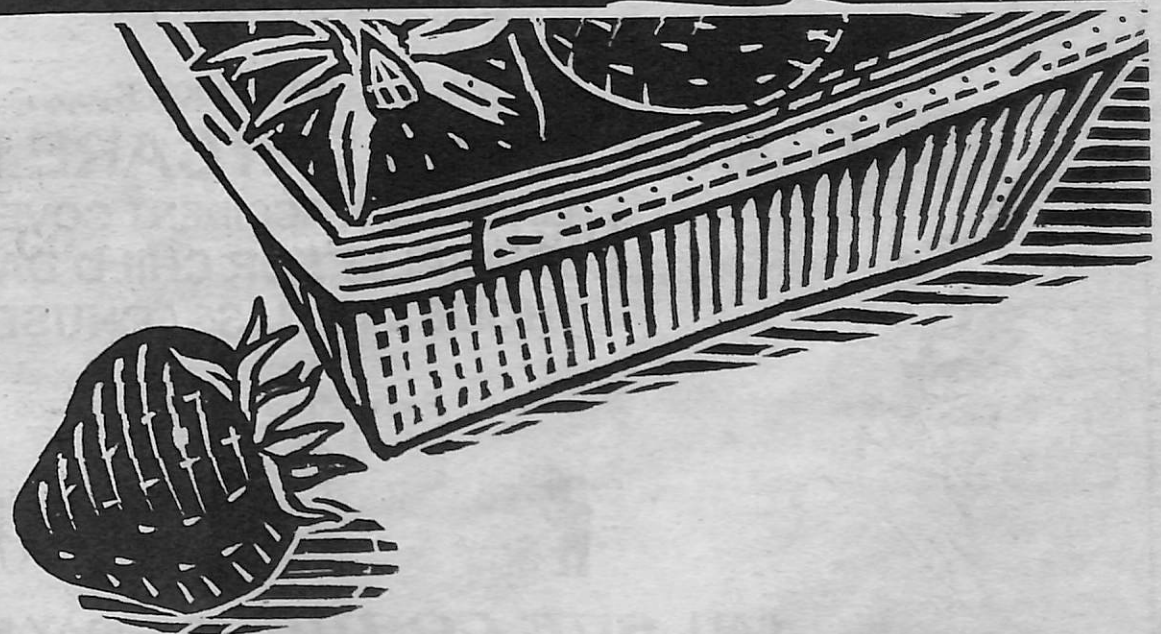
how to spend taxpayers' dollars. Controversial votes, however, garner the most attention, according to Keenan.

"Input from my constituents helps me decide how to vote," stated Keenan. "Representing their views and positions is my responsibility."

Anyone interested in contacting Rep. Keenan can reach him at his district office at (413) 786-4545.

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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### Mary-Jean Zemba

Mary-Jean (Layman) Karpovich Zemba, 70, of 55 Cooper Street, Agawam, and formerly of Longmeadow and Springfield, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She was a secretary at Package Machine in East Longmeadow, retiring in 1974.

She was born in Evanston, Illinois. She was a graduate of the former Classical High School in Springfield. She graduated from Skidmore College in 1949.

She was a long-time member of the First Church of Christ in Longmeadow, a member and past board member of the Longmeadow Maternal Association, the Springfield Bridge Club, the Longmeadow Women's Club, and the Community Women's Club, where she did hearing screening for children.

Her second husband, Conrad J. Zemba, died in 1978.

She leaves two daughters, Joyce E. McBain of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Dianne K. Carlson of Lexington; two stepsons, James Zemba of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Ernest Zemba of East Longmeadow; a brother, Lee R. Layman, and a sister, Clea L. Peterson, both of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and two step-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held at Longmeadow Cemetery, and Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Open Arms Campaign at the church, 763 Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

### Pauline D. Desrochers

Pauline D. Desrochers, 92, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, an area church soloist and operatic singer, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was a department manager at the former Albert Steiger Department Store in Holyoke and retired in 1974.

Born and schooled in Holyoke, she lived in Chicopee for 50 years and in Ludlow for 24 years before moving to Agawam three years ago. She was a contralto and a soloist at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Holyoke from the age of 10.

She also sang at St. Rose de Lima Church in Chicopee and with the former Springfield Opera Company. She performed in a number of productions.

She was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church, a member of the Ludlow Golden Agers, and a past president of Council 230 of the St. Jean de Baptiste Society in Chicopee.

She was a volunteer for several years in the gift shop at the former Ludlow Hospital.

She leaves a sister, Germaine Cheney of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at Ratell Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Rose de Lima Cemetery in Chicopee.

### Eleanor M. Levine

Eleanor M. (Miller) Levine, 83, of 55 Cooper Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, she spent most of her life there before moving to Springfield in 1996. She moved to Agawam in 1997.

She was a member of B'nai B'rith.

Her husband, Herbert Levine, died in 1995.

She leaves two sons, Dr. Peter Levine of Longmeadow and Carl Levine of Norwalk, Connecticut, and five grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin, New Jersey. Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

### Theresa Conti

Theresa Conti, 83, of Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in Agawam, she lived in Springfield most of her life and returned to Agawam nine years ago.

She leaves a nephew, Robert Conti of Agawam, and a niece, Janet Walsh of Longmeadow.

The funeral was private, and there were no calling hours. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

### Harold H. Guidi, Jr.

Harold H. "Sonny" Guidi, Jr., formerly of Agawam, died recently at Fairview Hospital in Great Barrington.

He was an eight-year police officer in Newport News, Virginia, and a supervisor for Sweet Life Foods.

Born in Springfield, he was an Army veteran of the Korean War era and served with the Military Police in Germany.

He was a long-time resident of Agawam.

He leaves a sister, Elizabeth "Betty Ann," with whom he lived in Sheffield, and two nephews.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home of West Springfield and St. Anthony's Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

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## Families

### Agawam Senior Rebate Luncheon At Senior Center

On Tuesday, May 25th, the annual Agawam Senior Rebate Luncheon was held at the Agawam Senior Center. This event was held to recognize those individuals who participated in this year's program.

Presenting the awards was Richard Theroux, Town Clerk. The Senior Rebate Program is designed to permit senior residents to reduce property taxes by up to \$500 per year by volunteering for the Town. Participants receive credit at the rate of \$5 per hour for 100 hours.

To qualify for the program, you must be at least 60 years of age or older, a homeowner or current spouse of a homeowner, and reside within the Town.

The program was instituted four years ago and has proven to be a "win-win" situation for the Town.

According to Sandra MacFadyen, Personnel Director, the Town budgets \$6,000 per year. The goals of the program are to assist senior citizens with property tax bills, to increase involvement of senior citizens in local government, and to acknowledge and affirm the skill of the Town's senior residents and the community's continuing need for their services.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the Personnel Office at Town Hall.

### Agawam Cultural Council Announces Grant Recipients

The Agawam Public Schools were the recipients of several grants funded by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council for the 1998-1999 school year. All programs were enrichment programs the students would not have been able to attend without the Cultural Council funding.

Springfield Symphony programs were attended by the Benjamin Phelps School, James Clark School, and Robinson Park School. Other programs at Symphony Hall were seen by the Agawam Junior High School and Robinson Park School.

Robinson Park School and Granger School also attended programs at the Springfield Science Museum, the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum, and the Holyoke Children's Museum.

Granger School also had the opportunity to have the Star Lab from the Boston Science Museum visit the school so that all the students could take advantage of the Star Lab Program.

The Agawam Cultural Council uses one-third of the Cultural Grant funds to benefit Agawam Public School students. The Council would like to be able to increase its contribution to the students of our schools.

In order to do this, the Council is planning to hold a fundraising concert on October 29th at Storowton given by the well-known pianist, Paul Bisaccia. Further information on the concert and ticket sales will be forthcoming.

The Council is hoping that the townspeople will support this event to make available the many enrichment programs in the area for Agawam school students.

**Check our classified ads in each edition...**

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**PARTICIPANTS IN THE "Senior Rebate Program":** standing - Ray Wyckoff, Aldo Mancini, Jim Liberatore, and Marsha Tangredi; seated - Elaine King, Dorothea Nardi, Edna Krygodowski, Donna McKinley, and Louise Payne. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Heritage Hall Honors Resident Volunteers...

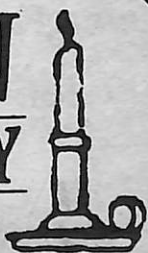


**AT THE RECENTLY HELD resident volunteer luncheon at Heritage Hall:** Kathryn Dyba, Pat Demichele, Pauline Bekes, and Betty Piersanti of Heritage Hall South. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**STANDING:** Lyl Lyons, Helen Johnson, Jeanette Mitkowski, Vera Milner, Lena DePinto, and Rudy Stone. **SEATED:** Ella Feeney, Jean Balser, and Louise Zwieseale. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Doors Swing Open On Storowton Museum's Summer Season

Storowton Village Museum will mark the official opening of its summer season on Saturday, June 19th by offering free tours of its historic buildings. Tours will be given on the hour from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Following Opening Day, the Village will be open for tours June 21st through August 27th from 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages six through 16, and free for children under six. Members of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, Night on the Town, Big Y Express Club, and AAA are eligible to receive an admission discount.

This picturesque "Village," located on the grounds of Eastern State Exposition, consists of a Meeting House, a School House, a Blacksmith Shop, the Eddy Law Office, the John Potter Mansion, and the Gilbert Farmhouse. All buildings are staffed by costumed docents who provide information and answer questions. A trip to the Village's General Store, located in the Potter Mansion, will evoke visions of the past when folks truly knew the meaning of "one-stop shopping."

Take a look at the unique Storowton Gift Shop, open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Gift Shop now offers books on a variety of topics, including early American and contemporary crafts, cooking, history, and travel. Other gifts and collectibles include Yankee Candles, Boyd's Bears, Fenton and Pilgrim Art Glass, Dedham Pottery, and, of course, Beanie Babies. On Opening Day, all visitors will receive a free candy stick.

Storowton Village will also offer an array of activities to please the entire family this summer, including:

- West Springfield Recreation Department Summer Concert Series - Summer evenings will be filled with melodious sounds thanks to this annual concert series. Richie Mitnick & Troupe will perform on June 17th, Vickie Phillips - A Class Act on July 29th, and the Chopin Group on August 5th. All shows take place on the Village Gazebo at 7:30 p.m.

- The New England Summer Craft Spectacular - Craft exhibitors and artisans from several states will make a colorful splash on July 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the Village Green with one of New England's most beautiful craft shows. The event is free and open to the public.

- Early American Summer Days - Children will travel back in time in this exciting program exploring 19th century life in New England, August 2nd-6th and August 9th-13th. Participants will dress in authentic costumes as they learn how to milk a cow, help with sheep shearing, make candles, and much more. Two one-week sessions are offered for children ages seven through 12. The cost for each session is \$125.

For more information about any of the exciting events offered during Storowton Village's summer season, call the Village office at 413-787-0136 or write: Storowton Village Museum, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089.

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## Thank You, Heritage Hall Volunteers!!!



HERITAGE HALL recently held a luncheon to recognize residents who volunteer in the activity department. From left to right: Alma Gamache, Mary Jean Zemba, Nancy Edwards, Anna Curto, Mary Chartier, Margaret Cadigan, and Frances Hingley from Heritage Hall's North Building. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE Heritage Hall East volunteers: back row - Beverly Humiston, Blanche LaPointe, Joan Kirkwood, and Linda Garner; front row - Mary Van-nemenhoven, Josephine Lorenzotti, and Deb Cerboneschi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Angela Welsh Becomes Bride Of Allan Porowski

Walter and Cynthia Porowski of Agawam are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Allan Porowski, to Angela Welsh of Natrona Heights, PA. The couple was married on October 24, 1998 at Faith Lutheran Church in Natrona Heights, PA. Parents of the bride are George and Marilyn Welsh of Natrona Heights, PA.

Cheryl Gindlesperger attended the bride as the maid of honor. Linda Porowski, Charity White, Laura Aloj, and Stephanie Sheldon served as bridesmaids. David Porowski served his brother as best man. Frank Maniscalco, Shawn McCormick, Hans Mueller, and David Yonce served as ushers.

The bride graduated from Lock Haven University in 1993 with a B.A. in International Relations, and from American University in 1996 with an M.A. in International Affairs. She is currently employed as an instructional designer for Henderson Group, Inc. of South Riding, VA.

The groom, a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, graduated from Cornell University in 1994 with a B.S. in Policy Analysis, and from American University in 1996 with an M.P.A. in Public Administration. He is currently employed as a research associate for Caliber Associates in Fairfax, VA.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, June 14th:** Salisbury steak, buttered noodles, cauliflower, whole wheat bread, bananas.

**Tuesday, June 15th:** Turkey casserole, French green beans, stuffing, biscuit, plums.

**Wednesday, June 16th:** Lasagna and meatballs, tossed salad, Vienna bread, cookie.

**Thursday, June 17th:** Baked chicken breast, sweet potatoes, peas, whole wheat bread, applesauce.

**Friday, June 18th:** Baked macaroni, stewed tomatoes, corn muffins, chocolate pudding.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

### Prior To Memorial Service...

## Golden Age Club (Ch. 2) Presents Scholarship Awards

Last month, Perry McCobb, president of the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2, opened the 1:30 p.m. meeting with the presentation of the Chapter's scholarship awards and a memorial service.

Barbara Kupec, chairman of the scholarship committee, presented Theresa Wesley with the girls' Chapter 2 scholarship. Theresa will be attending Quinnipiac College.

James Birchall, treasurer, presented Michael DeFilipi with the boys' Chapter 2 scholarship. Michael will be attending Springfield College.

He also read a letter of thanks from Jason Flood, who was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Jason was awarded the Ruth Birchall scholarship, which was established in her memory. He will be attending the University of Massachusetts.

McCobb then introduced chaplain Leonore Dion, who conducted a solemn reading of the names of club members who have died during the past year. She placed a carnation in a crystal vase as each name was read, giving each person's date of joining the club and the time of death.

Eleanor Toussaint, club musician, played appropriate music, softly, during the floral offering. Following the service, Leonore sang a solo - "In the Garden."

Contributions made to the memorial fund in memory of deceased members are used to purchase funeral flowers for Chapter 2 members, and to award two memorial scholarships to deserving Agawam High School graduating seniors.

Virginia Lake, program chairman, then introduced Sandy Goldstein and her seeing-eye dog. She gave a very interesting talk on how the dogs are trained and selected for a blind person.

Refreshments of cupcakes, coffee, and punch were served by the hospitality committee.

## Nominations Sought For Annual Andrew Gallano Award

The Andrew Gallano Award Committee is again seeking nominations for its annual award, which is given for meritorious and distinguished service to elders and is presented by the Agawam Council on Aging each year at the ACOA/Friends Annual Dinner in October.

The criteria for selection of the recipient will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- \* Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.

- \* Advocates for the needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.

- \* Supports issues related to the elderly citizens of Agawam.

- \* Demonstrates the above in a consistent manner over time.

To nominate an individual for this prestigious award, fill out a sheet of paper with the following information: the nominee's name, address, and the date on which you are submitting this information.

In addition, please explain why this person should receive the Andrew Gallano Award for his/her work or service to the elders of Agawam.

Then, at the bottom of the sheet, please put your name and phone number (this information, however, is not necessary and if given, will be kept confidential). When completed, send this sheet of paper to: **The Andrew Gallano Award Committee, c/o The Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001-3128.**

Please be sure to send this nomination to the above address **no later than September 15, 1998.**

The committee wishes to thank you for your time and effort. It is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janice Bonk, COA Secretary, at 786-4297. Forms can also be acquired from Joan Linnehan at the Agawam Senior Center. Thanks!

## Al Tonelli To Cook Benefit Supper For Disabled Grandchild

Al Tonelli, former owner and head chef of the well-known Tonelli's Little River Inn in Westfield, will be serving (along with family and friends) a benefit supper of Chicken & Spaghetti a la Tonelli at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 19th.

The church is located at 1552 West Springfield (Route 20) in West Springfield (phone number 734-9268), and this supper will be held for Tonelli's grandson, Jonathan Tonelli-Raylove.

Jonathan was a victim of a near-drowning acci-

dent and continues to receive 24-hour care. Although baptized at Grace Lutheran Church, he lives with his mother, Edith, his father, Robert, and his sister, Alanna, in Pampano Beach, Florida.

There will be two sittings for the meal at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained through Al and Pearl Tonelli at 568-8473. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

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The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is currently seeking families to host exchange students who will be seniors at Agawam High School during the 1999-2000 school year.

The students arrive in mid-August and hail from countries from all over the world. Currently, there are five AFS students at AHS representing the countries of the Czech Republic, Brazil, Belgium, Germany, and Chile for the 1998-1999 school year.

AFS is the largest student exchange program in the USA. Agawam AFS is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1999. The AFS Community Chapter includes 15 active board members and a faculty advisor at AHS, Mary Ellen Bruce, a member of the foreign language department at the school.

Many families in Agawam have successfully hosted exchange students through Agawam AFS over the past 25 years and have formed lifetime bonds with their "new family member." Many former Agawam AFS exchange students have returned to our community to visit over the years, and many of our Agawam host families have traveled abroad to visit their former host student in their respective country.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student through AFS, or are interested in more information about AFS, call Family Selection Committee co-chairpersons Debbie & Craig Struck at 786-6760, faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce at Agawam High School, 821-0530 (weekdays), or chapter president Ric Sardella at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (nights).

On Tuesday, June 15th...

## Jr. Women's Club's June Mtg. To Be An International Dinner

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its International Dinner and Chinese Auction on Tuesday, June 15th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street.

Members will bring an international dish to share for dinner. For the Chinese Auction, each member will bring an international item (such as French wine, Swiss cheese, or German chocolate) to be raffled at the end of the evening.

Anyone interested in the club can contact Laura Paul for membership information at 786-5889.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Massachusetts.



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### "Friends" Grateful To Bruna Morassi

The "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center wish to thank Bruna Morassi for the beautiful afghan that she crocheted and donated to them as a fundraiser. The "Friends" are constantly trying to think of ways to raise money for the Senior Center, and people like Bruna certainly make the job a lot easier.

The afghan was a lovely white, done in the popcorn stitch, and was won by our very own Gail Freeman.

To the many people who took chances, we are grateful, and we hope to have another raffle soon. Thank you, Bruna — you are truly a generous friend.

## Heritage Hall North To Sponsor "Tag Sale" On June 19th

Heritage Hall North Nursing Home at 55 Cooper Street, Agawam, will be sponsoring a "Tag Sale" on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the front porch, rain or shine.

Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the Resident Council Fund.

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## Agawam's AARP Installation Banquet Set For June 28th

The Agawam chapter of AARP will be having its annual installation banquet on Monday, June 28th, beginning at 12:00 noon at The Pond House, 1422 Main Street, Agawam.

AARP members are invited to attend, and new members are always welcome. Reservations must be made by June 18th by calling President Ollie Muldrew at 786-0075.

If time allows following the luncheon, a video program will be shown at the Senior Center concerning diabetes. The video is provided by AARP national and is 30 minutes long.

(REMINDER: There will be no AARP meetings scheduled for July and August.)

## Jimmy Fund Tag Sale Scheduled At Stop & Shop In Feeding Hills

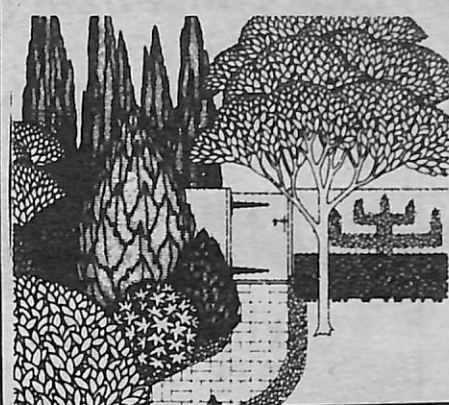
A Jimmy Fund Tag Sale will be held at Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The fee is \$15, and applications are available at the Stop & Shop service desk. The deadline to return applications is Saturday, June 12th.

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## June Events At The Agawam Library

**Thursday, June 17th — 6:00 To 8:00 P.M.**

We'll offer a balloon sculpture and face painting session with Ed Popielarczyk and friends for Agawam and Feeding Hills kids. Summer Reading Club information and sign-up folders will be available throughout the evening.

Balloon creations will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, and no registration is necessary.

**Tuesday, June 22nd — 10:00 To 10:45 A.M.**

For Agawam and Feeding Hills preschoolers only, we'll present PUPPETUNES, a combined puppet and musical entertainment program especially suited to kids from 2½ to five years of age.

Call 789-1550 to register.

**Thursday, June 24th — 7:00 To 8:00 P.M.**

Agawam and Feeding Hills kids (ages four and up) are invited to the CAMP MUCKALUCKA SHOW starring "T Bone."

This interactive variety show will entertain kids and adults alike, and registration in person at the library (750 Cooper Street, Agawam) or by phone (at 789-1550) is a must.

**Wednesday, June 30th — 7:00 To 8:00 P.M.**

The Gerwick Puppets will perform INSIDE THE HAUNTED HOUSE, an original puppet show complete with music and eerie sounds. This is best suited to kids over age four since it is a bit scary.

Agawam and Feeding Hills families can call 789-1550 to register.

## COA To Offer Golf Lessons Beginning On Wednesday, June 23rd

The Agawam Council On Aging will be offering golf lessons beginning on Wednesday, June 23rd, at 8:30 a.m. at Mushy's Driving Range, 369 Main Street, Agawam.

The cost for six consecutive lessons will be \$60 (payable in advance).

Class A teaching professional Susan Teitel will conduct the lessons. Preregistration is required.

To register or for more information, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

## Pack 77 Bottle Drive Set For This Saturday, At St. John's Church

The Cub Scouts of Pack 77 will be holding their bottle drive from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. this Saturday, June 12th, in the parking lot of St. John's Church on Main Street, Agawam.

Please drop off your redeemable bottles and cans to the Cub Scouts this Saturday, or call Cathy at 786-5103 to arrange for pick-up.

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## “Memorial Day 1999” In Agawam...



JAMES MARTIN of the Springfield Kiltie Band performed on the bagpipes during Agawam's Memorial Day observance.



THE AGAWAM CHAPTER OF UNICO donated \$2,000 towards the town's Veterans' Memorial. From left to right: UNICO member Ron Lalancette, veteran Priscilla Peterson, Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas, and UNICO members Dick DiLullo and Sal Morassi, Sr.

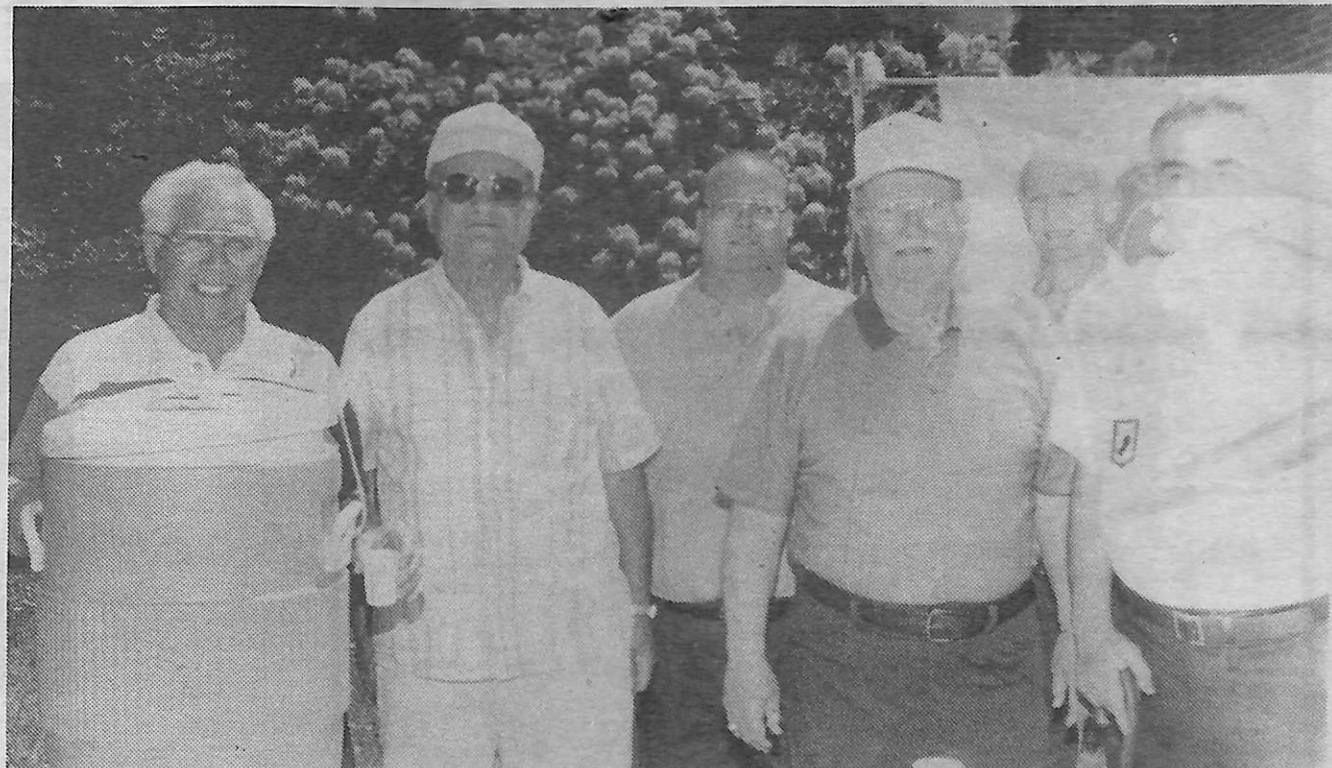


HELEN BOISSONNEAULT, Parade Marshal, and JAY O'SULLIVAN, Vice-Chairman/Agawam Veterans' Council, during the placement of the memorial wreath.

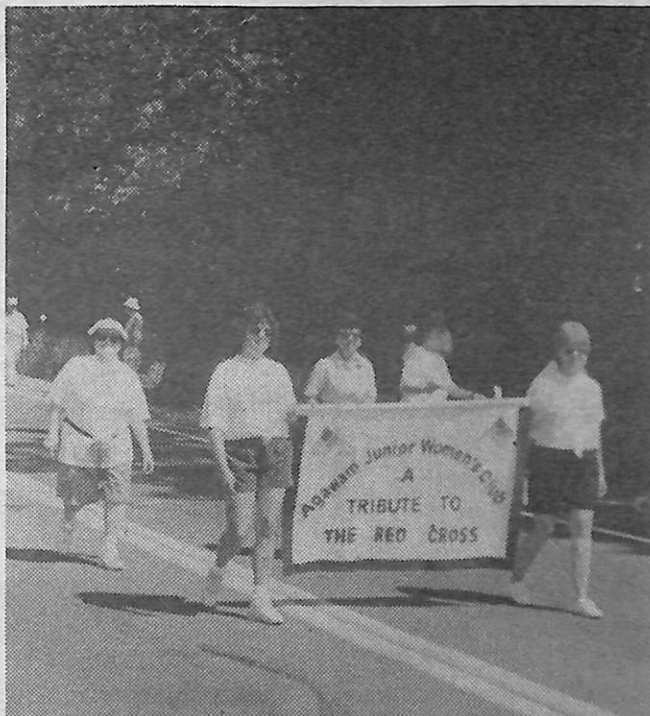
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AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS handed out breakfast refreshments to the marchers in this year's Memorial Day parade. From left to right: Rudy Altobelli, Al D'Agostino, Sal Morassi, Jr., Tom Leahy, Tony Polacco, and Louis Russo.



AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS in this year's Memorial Day parade in Agawam were members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club (left photo) and local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts (right photo).



# “Memorial Day 1999” In Agawam...



**MEMBERS OF THE** Agawam Police Department, including Police Chief Robert Campbell (third from right), during Agawam’s parade on Memorial Day — Monday, May 31, 1999.



**CHRISTOPHER SANCHEZ**, a member of the Agawam Veterans’ Council.



**THE FIRING SQUAD** from the Agawam American Legion (Post 185) on the Veterans’ Green, Main Street (on the grounds of Phelps Elementary School).



**CHRISTINA CLIMO AND PATRICK LENNON** of the Agawam High School Band.



**MEMORIAL DAY “Poster Contest”** winners: Caitlin Ranstrom (third place), Stephanie Klebes (second place), and Sonja Jedziniak (first place).



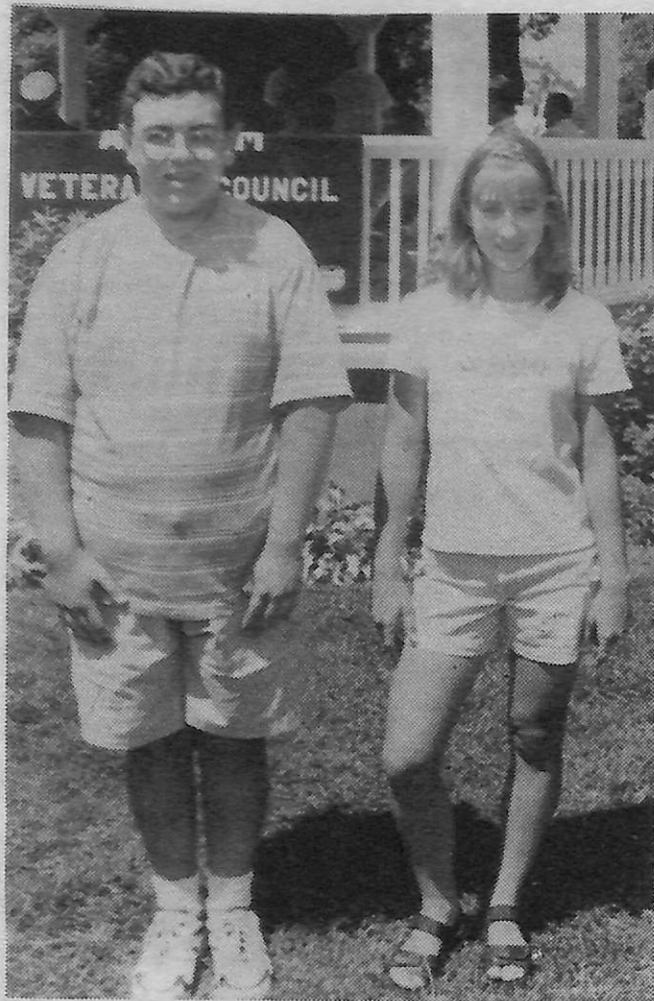
**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 559** (from James Clark in Agawam) had a float in this year’s Memorial Day parade.



**THE HONOR GUARD** from American Legion Post 185 in Agawam marched in the town parade.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: Memorial Day "Essay Contest" winners Kevin Baptiste (second place) and Tami Burmeister (first place). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Laying a wreath at the Agawam Veterans' Memorial - World War II veteran Priscilla Peterson and Paul Danehey (American Legion Post 185).



IN LEFT PHOTO: Al Peckham of Agawam receives the "Croix de Guerre" from Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Members of the Agawam Veterans' Council — Christopher Sanchez, Ruth Bitzas (Veterans' Agent), and Edward Kellogg (Chairman) — during the Agawam Memorial Day parade.



## Memorial Day 1999...

# Highlights From Agawam's Special Celebrations

by Kathy Shepard  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

On Monday, May 31st, in clear and bright weather, the men and women who served in our country's military were recognized and honored for their deeds at ceremonies throughout the day in Agawam. There were many highlights this year that distinguish 1999's ceremony.

The keynote speaker was Robert C. McKean, director of Massachusetts Veterans' State Ceremonies and currently working on "Operation Recognition," the awarding of high school diplomas to World War II veterans who left their high schools and for personal reasons, did not formally graduate after the war. McKean expressed his pride "to be in the company of the true heroes and patriots of this nation. There were a total of 60 comrades from Agawam out of the many wars who made the ultimate sacrifice that we all too often take for granted. This special day renews our awareness that the mortar that is holding our society together is mixed with the blood of men and women who died for our freedom," McKean said.

McKean is a Vietnam era veteran, served in the Air Force from 1967-1972 as a member of the United States Air Force Honor Guard in Washington, D.C., serving at the White House, United States Capitol, Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery. He participated in full Honor Wreath Laying Ceremonies at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery while serving on the USAF Presidential Honor Guard in Washington D.C. also.

The Memorial Day Program depicts the recently-built Women in Military Service For America Memorial standing in Arlington National Cemetery. Under the photo are the words "Relive the past, experience the present, and envision the future of America's Servicewomen."

Honorary Parade Marshal this year was Helen Boissonneault, a choice compatible with the Women in Military theme. She rode in a convertible to the Veterans' Green, served on this year's Memorial Day Committee, and performed the placement of the Memorial Wreath, escorted by Veterans' Council Vice-Chairman Jay O'Sullivan.

Helen was raised in Arlington, a suburb of Boston, and enlisted from there in the Women's Army Corps in 1945, serving in the Air Force and attaining the rank of sergeant. She and her husband, Albert, also an Air Force veteran, lived many happy years in the town. Albert passed away in 1993, but there are three children from their years together: Alan, who is a lieutenant in the Agawam Fire Department; Roger, who lives in Feeding Hills and works for Ryder Trucking Company; and David, who works at Lexmark and lives in Lexington, Kentucky.

Helen worked for the Springfield Post Office for 25 years. After she retired, she wrote a column for *The Chicopee Herald* called "The Way It Was," as well as other articles for that paper. She has three grandchildren, Debra and Amanda at Agawam High, and Melissa at Elms College.

Helen feels that, despite some variations in opinions over the years, women are now pretty much on an equal footing with men in the military.

"There were always women in the military, such as those who masqueraded as soldiers, like Mollie Pitcher. There was even a woman who won the Medal of Honor in the Civil War. In World War II, there were over 300,000 women who served. And there were always nurses, who really had courage. They would not leave their patients, who were often lying in the battlefield. Lots of nurses died that way," Helen said.

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**MEMORIAL DAY - from Page 16...****Enthusiastic Supporter Of Honor Roll**

Helen has been an enthusiastic supporter of the honor roll to be constructed on the Veterans' Green. She has researched names as a member of the committee, spending many hours digging through files and archives both here and in Boston.

After the parade itself, which began at Southwick Paper on Main Street and proceeded down Main Street for one mile, ending at Veterans' Green at the Benjamin Phelps School, the ceremony unfolded, with a welcome from Edward Kellogg, chairman of the Agawam Veterans' Council, and then the flag was raised with a Salute to the Colors, followed by the National Anthem, played by the Agawam High School Band (Tammy Watson, Director).

Next came *The Pledge of Allegiance* (led by Kellogg), and the Invocation, led by Reverend Curt D. Fuller (Agawam Congregational Church). There was a last-minute change in the agenda, moving State Senator Linda Melconian's speech toward the beginning, as she had to be in "about five places at once." Two Agawam High School vocalists sang and this was followed by reflections of Mrs. Boissonneault.

Also honored were Albert Peckham and his wife, Ursula, who have resided in Agawam for the past 50 years. Al served in the U.S. Army Infantry from April 1940 to September 1945. He was wounded in action while serving in Anzio, Italy and Comor, France, and was awarded two Purple Hearts. He received the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star, the American Defense Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, and the European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon with Bronze Service Arrowhead for his distinguished WW II service.

Perhaps the most emotional moments of these Memorial Day ceremonies came when Veterans' Agent Ruth Bitzas listed these honors and then handed the French 3rd Infantry Award (Croix de Guerre) to Al Peckham for his distinguished WWII service. The French Citation was translated by Christopher Sanchez, Veterans' Council member and a member of the Agawam Police Force. Al Peckham received a standing ovation and was obviously overcome with feeling. He got a big hug from his very proud wife.

According to Mrs. Bitzas, who sums up the feelings of most of the townspeople, "It's exciting to be a part of it all and serves as a reminder that we in America live among heroes."

Mrs. Bitzas told us that, "Last Memorial Day, the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action was awarded posthumously to Private First Class George Kupec and presented to Barbara Kupec."

She remembered when Al Peckham came into the Veterans' Office in April 1998 with a copy of his discharge, which indicated **Croix de Guerre, Decision No. 975-45**. Although listed on the discharge, he had not received his medal.

After researching this, Mrs. Bitzas learned that the inquiry should be sent to the French Embassy. That inquiry, in turn, was forwarded by the Embassy to the Military Awards Bureau in Paris, and in April of 1999 the office received the Croix de Guerre to be given to Al Peckham.

**An Emotional Experience**

Following this emotional experience, a Memorial Song was played on the bagpipes by James Martin of the Springfield Kiltie Band. The wordless, ageless sound came at just the right time. Mr. Boissonneault, escorted by Veterans' Council Vice-Chairman Jay O'Sullivan, then performed the placement of the Memorial Wreath.

As the reading of the Casualty List began, Sanchez (Persian Gulf War veteran and Veterans' Council) performed the Memory Bell Tolling after every name. Names were read by: Civil War - Louis

Russo, Vietnam veteran, American Legion Post 185; World War I - Jay O'Sullivan, World War II veteran and Veterans' Council; World War II - **Jessie Fuller**, WWII veteran and Veterans' Council; Korea - **George Brown**, Korean veteran, American Legion Post 185; Vietnam - **George Schlagel**, WWII, Korea, & Vietnam veteran, Veterans' Council.

Firing Squad was 104th Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard, and Taps was played by AHS buglers Patrick Lennon and Justin Gorman. There was a closing by Kellogg, and Rev. Curt D. Fuller gave a Benediction, reminding the participants and guests to remember not only the veterans, but also the many other people who have lost their lives. He encouraged prayer and to remember those soldiers who died for our freedom, for: "Greater love than this no man has, that he lay down his life for his friend."

After the ceremony on Veterans' Green, there was a Flagpole Dedication at South Westfield Street Cemetery with Eagle Scout Project Troop 78. Everyone who had participated in the day's events was invited to enjoy a buffet at the American Legion Post 185 and not a crumb went unattended as the food was pretty delicious.

The Couture family was noted for the flagging of veterans' graves. Matt is ending his freshman year at AHS, where he belongs to the Jazz Choir, the "As Schools Match Wits" team, the tennis team, and the "Renaissance Society" (for honor roll students).

Matt and his brother, John, went with their father, Jerry, to flag veterans' graves for Memorial Day in 1991, and Matt has continued to do this. Jerry was quite proud as Mrs. Bitzas presented Matt with this special Recognition Award.

Also on the agenda for this special day were representatives of UNICO - Dick Dilullo, president, and fundraising co-chairmen Ron Lalancette and Sal Morassi, who presented a \$2,000 check to Mrs. Bitzas.

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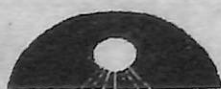
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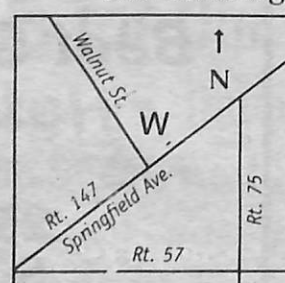
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## Church News

# Sister Frances White Elected To Leadership Team

by Kathy Shepard  
News Editor

Communicants and clergy of St. John the Evangelist Church are thankful for the long and devoted service of Sister Frances White to the parish. She has been elected to the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph for a six-year term. Pastoral minister of St. John's since 1981, Sister Fran remembers those years with appreciation and fondness while looking forward to the honor and opportunity of being part of the Leadership Team.

"My ministry at St. John's has been diverse, challenging, and very satisfying. I especially have loved working with the elderly, the sick, the hospitalized, as well as all the healing ministries within the church. It has kept me in touch with those in need, whether it be a listener, as an advocate, or just as a companion on the journey."

One of the first things that Sister Fran mentioned during her conversations with *The Advertiser News* is the fact "that a wonderful sister and pastoral minister, Sister Mary Clare Finn, will be my replacement. I highly encourage our people to get to know her. In knowing her, they will love her enthusiasm, her inner joy, and her giftedness."

Sister Fran tells us that she is "a phone call away." She will be in touch if she is needed. This knowledge will be of comfort to the communicants of St. John's Church, as well as many of the citizens in this area, who have discovered her unique brand of skill and warmth. As one parishioner put it, "Sister Fran has a special quality about her that is genuine."

At St. John's, Sister Fran founded the Over-60 Club, the Singles Group, and the Bereavement Group, and she was actively involved in the Catholic Women's Club and Guild.

She participated in many of the events and activities that went on in the parish. Many of St. John's congregation will miss Sister Fran's beautiful and inspiring singing voice, too.

A member of the Parish Council and of the Catholic Women's Club, Paula Raiche described Sister Fran as "an empathetic, fun-loving, caring, and lovely lady who has been an asset to the Over-60 Club and to the Parish Council. We will never forget performing 'Sister Act.' We'll do an encore someday."

### A Reception Of Thanks

On May 8th in the Parish Center, a reception was held to thank Sister Fran for her service to the parish. The Over-60 Club's last meeting of the year, held at the Colosseum in West Springfield, provided another opportunity to honor this servant of God. Sister Fran spoke at this meeting, saying that she is saddened to leave, yet is looking forward to the challenge God has given her.

Mary Gerry, known for her work as a board member of both the Over-60 Club and the Catholic



**SISTER FRANCES WHITE**, pastoral minister of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam since 1981, has been elected to the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph for a six-year term. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Women's Club, said, "Sister Fran is one of the nicest ladies I've ever met. She always was there when she was needed and she has been a wonderful friend."

When asked to mention one of her most cherished areas of interest, Sister Fran responded, "I have been privileged to be part of a team that helps in the training of Special Ministers of the Eucharist. We have 50 ministers for our home-bound and nursing home parishioners. I consider this a tremendous privilege, for we bring the Eucharist and parish love and concern to those who cannot physically join us in community."

Bernie Polopek, another parishioner involved with the Catholic Women's Club, the Over-60 Club, and many other church responsibilities,

praised the support and energy given by Sister Fran since she came to the parish. "We all love her so much. She has been into everything we loved to do. She ran the Over-60 Club and has made a great difference to all of us."

Sister Fran cherishes both past and future experiences, explaining, "I have loved my associations and friendships with our priests, our sisters, and our wonderful laity here at St. John's in Agawam."

When asked about the circumstances for her transition of ministry, she explained that every six years, five sisters are chosen for the Leadership Team of the Sisters of St. Joseph. She was elected to be one of the five. "I would say this is a great honor, privilege, and responsibility as we move into the next millennium."

"*That All May Be One*" is our mission and call to holiness. We strive to be people of justice and peace through non-violence. We will be speaking out more publicly about the signs of our times as well as social issues in our world," Sister Fran disclosed.

### A More Global View

"We will promote a more global view as we care for one another and our environment. It is time for acting on our beliefs, for entering a more public arena, and for speaking out for Gospel values in the marketplace. We want to become more of a voice for the powerless and the oppressed wherever we are; we want to be healers in our wounded world."

"We have been blessed with a strong sense of unity in diversity and undertake all actions only after prayerful reflection and consensus; we seek wisdom and understanding, then proceed with compassion and courage. We embark on our journey together, joining hands in communion with our God, our Church, our communities, and one another as we strive to make this world a better place for future generations," according to her.

Sister Fran also spoke of other objectives. "We will be working very closely with our sisters at Mont Marie in the areas of retirement, health care, as well as all sisters in transition."

Sister Fran has a friendly, warm personality, garnished with a hearty sense of humor and an ability to put people at ease. People who have known her mention how comfortable they feel in her presence and what comfort she gives. She expresses her emotions hence: "I have loved being at St. John's and have enjoyed sharing ministry with all our wonderful people. I am so grateful for having had these experiences. I have been so blessed!!"

For photo coverage in *The AAN*, please contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053...

## Children's Day To Be Celebrated At First Baptist In Agawam

Janice Lock, Superintendent of the Church School at First Baptist Church, recently announced that Children's Sunday will be observed on June 13th.

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. Presentations will be made by each of the classes. Songs, recitations, and memorized Bible passages with accompanying illustrations are expected.

Students in the third grade will be receiving their first Bibles. Camperships will be awarded to several age groups of youth. Special music is planned.

A cordial invitation is extended to one and all to encourage and applaud the accomplishments of our children in their Christian education efforts this past season.

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The young people and their leaders will be sponsoring a car wash in the church parking lot on Saturday, June 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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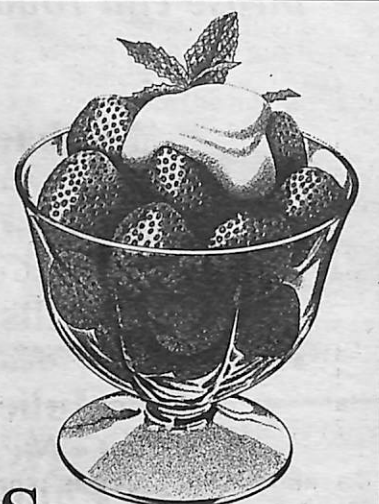
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**Church News - continued...****Brad Wright Is Now  
Pastor Of Agawam  
Church Of The Bible**

The Elders of Agawam Church of the Bible commissioned Brad Wright as Pastor on May 16, 1999. Roger Martin, the church's founding Pastor who now pastors in Alabama, was the main speaker for the commissioning service. The Elders commissioned Brad through the "laying on of hands" in prayer accordance with principles found in the Scriptures.

Brad holds a Master's of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary and has served as an Elder at Agawam Church for the last three years. Brad is also a registered, professional engineer and prior to serving as Interim Pastor and now Pastor, Brad worked as an environmental engineer in both the manufacturing and consulting sectors.

Following the departure of the church's founding Pastor in the fall of 1998, God led Brad to enter the ministry full-time and he was confirmed by the church body as Pastor in April 1999.

Agawam Church, serving the greater Pioneer Valley, is a contemporary, non-denominational, bible-teaching church holding to the historic creeds of the Christian faith. It was started eight years ago through the vision of the founding Pastor, whose desire was to reach with the gospel of Jesus Christ those who don't know God in a personal way.

The unique emphasis of the church which continues to this day is the commitment to being contemporary in method without compromising the timeless truth of the bible's message. The church is characterized by contemporary worship, casual dress, life-related teaching from the bible, and an emphasis on reaching "seekers," or those "not yet convinced."

The Sunday service is held at the Agawam Junior High School at 10:00 a.m. and is open to all. You may contact Brad at the church office at 789-2904 for more information.

**Weekly Calendar From  
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This Sunday, June 13th, is the Third Sunday after Pentecost. The Rev. Eric Bascom, former minister of Faith United Church, will be the Guest Preacher at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Bascom's Sermon will be, "When Your Best Is Not Good Enough," taken from Text: Luke 15:25-32.

Summer Church School begins on this date immediately following the Children's Message. Mr. David Bertagnoli, Christian Education Committee Member, will be leading the Summer Church School class this Sunday.

Reminder: The Summer Worship Service Schedule begins next Sunday, June 20th, at 9:30 a.m. Summer Worship will continue through to Sunday, September 5th, Labor Day Weekend.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

The Annual Strawberry Supper is scheduled for Thursday, June 17th, at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes ham and beans, potato salad, rolls, coffee or tea, and homemade strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream.

All this for \$7 for an adult ticket, and \$4 for children 10 and under.

Call the church office for reservations at 786-7111. Reservations close Monday, June 14th.

Vacation Bible Camp is planned for July 26th through July 30th. It will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Children ages two through the sixth grade are welcome to attend.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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ON SUNDAY, MAY 16TH, Brad Wright (second from the left) was commissioned as the new Pastor of Agawam Church of the Bible. The church's founding Pastor, Roger Martin (second from the right), served as the main speaker of the commissioning service. Agawam Church of the Bible conducts its Sunday services at Agawam Junior High School at 10:00 a.m. The public is cordially invited to these services and to contact Pastor Wright at 789-2904 for more information.

**Strawberry Supper Slated For This Saturday,  
June 12th, At Valley Community Church**

There will be a strawberry supper at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills on Saturday, June 12th, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are required.

The supper will consist of a baked half-chicken, stuffing, potato and other summer salads, and fresh strawberry shortcake for dessert. Beverages

are included.

The price is \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

For reservations, call Jeff at 789-2552, Shirley at 786-2576, or the church at 786-2445.

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## St. John's Parish News And Notes

### BIBLE CAMP

Our Annual Bible Camp will be held the week of July 5th-9th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This camp is for children ages four through eight.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Volunteers, teens, and adults are still needed.

Please call Sister Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

### 1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

A letter for pre-registration for Religious Education for next September was mailed recently. The deadline for returning the form is August 1st.

If there are any problems or questions, call Sister Francis Gloster at 786-8105.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

With a community of over 6,000, we should have many who could help with our Religious Education Program. We do not expect "college professors," but an ordinary, committed Christian like you.

We even have a suggestion to help if you would like to help next fall. The Diocesan Office of Religious Education is sponsoring two courses this summer: "Teaching Religion Effectively" (for grades one through six) and "Adolescent Catechesis" (for ages seven through 10th). The first one for the younger grades will be on Tuesdays, June 29th through July 27th, and the program for adolescents will be on Thursday nights, July 1st through July 29th.

### PARISH PICNIC

Save the date — August 29th! We expect to use our own St. John's field for this event.

Maryann Green has accepted the role of chairman for this year's affair, and is well under way in getting things started.

Want to help? Give us a call.

"Dunkees" are still needed. What would the picnic be without those stalwart individuals who enter the Dunking Booth for a half-hour of good fun? Fr. Howard needs fellow candidates. Call him or the Rectory at 786-8105.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

If there are any adults who have not as yet been Confirmed, we will be having the Sacrament here at St. John's in October.

Sessions will be held to prepare candidates during August and September. Call the Rectory at 786-8105 to register.

### BOTTLE DRIVE

St. John's Cub Scout Pack 77 will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday, June 12th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot.

### GREY HOUSE BENEFIT

The First Annual Breakfast to aid the Grey House in Springfield will be on June 26th from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Crestview Country Club. Call 562-8206.

### DIOCESAN YOUTH GATHERING

The third annual Diocesan Gathering of Youth will take place on Sunday, June 27th, at Camp Holy Cross in Goshen. All students in grades seven through 12 are invited to attend this day of recreation, music, Mass, and food.

Cost is only \$5. For registration/information, call Sr. Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

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## New Minister To Be Installed This Sunday, June 13th, At Valley Community Church

The members of Valley Community Church welcome Pastor Gene de Jongh of Cedarville, Illinois, as their full-time minister. Pastor Gene will begin his formal duties on Sunday, June 13th, at the 9:30 a.m. service with a sermon entitled "Putting God in His Place," based on Genesis -chapter 1.

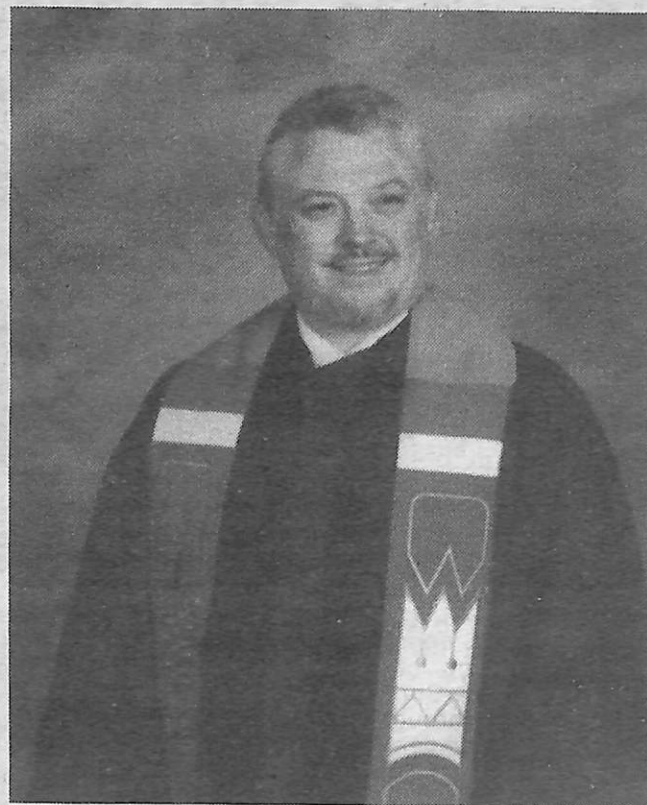
He chose this sermon (which will begin a series on the book of Genesis) because he felt it an appropriate start to his journey as shepherd of Valley Community Church. Genesis is the first book of the Bible and contains many topics relevant to today's society.

Formerly, Pastor Gene served as senior pastor of Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church in Cedarville, Illinois, for seven years. He and his wife, Claire, and their boys, Christopher and Nate, were very active in their church and community.

He served as the mayor of Cedarville for five years and as a member of the governing board of a mental health facility. He enjoys working with youth and was responsible for creating a need for and a position for a full-time youth pastor. Claire also enjoys working with children. She worked as a pre-school teacher for the YMCA.

Pastor Gene accepted the call from Valley Community Church in February 1999. He finished out his term in Cedarville while beginning to pastor Valley Community Church through weekly epistles.

Valley Community Church invites the public to the formal installation service on Sunday, June 13th, at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Len Cowan of St. David's Church in Feeding Hills will officiate. He will be assisted by Valley Community Church interim minister Rev. Dr. Robert K. Loesch, former minister of VCC Rev. Stephen G. Dennehy, and



PASTOR GENE DE JONGH

Rev. James Jasmin of the Faith Bible Church of Feeding Hills.

There will be a reception following the service for all attending.

## Agawam Congregational Church To Hold Strawberry Supper On Thursday, June 17th

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Strawberry Supper on Thursday, June 17th, at 5:30 p.m.

The supper will include ham, homemade potato salad, cole slaw, pickles, rolls, and beverages. The dessert will be homemade strawberry shortcake with freshly baked biscuits and real whipped cream. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for

children.

The dinner will be held at the church, which is located at 745 Main Street, Agawam. Reservations are recommended, but a few walk-ins will be accepted.

Reservations can be made by calling Anne Hamel at 786-2908 before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 16th.

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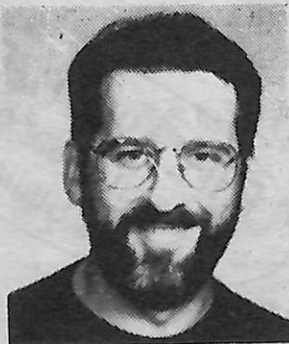
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# Chicken Supper At Valley Community Church...



VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH in Feeding Hills held its latest chicken supper on Saturday, May 15th. From left to right: Sally Dennehy wasn't just "winging" it in the kitchen; Francis Lavalette just prior to enjoying his meal; and volunteer servers Betty Kopy and Melody Hill. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Vacation Bible School Coming To St. Mary's Parish In Westfield

St. Mary's Parish in Westfield is offering a Vacation Bible School for children in kindergarten through grade four. The school will be held daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting July 26th and ending July 30th.

Through a grant from the Shurtleff Foundation, the fee is reduced to \$25 per child. No child will be excluded because of inability to pay.

We will pray, have Bible stories, related educational activities, arts and crafts, music, and a snack will be provided. To register, please call Lori at the Development Office, 86 Mechanic

Street, Westfield, at 568-1160.

**We need your help!** Teachers for classroom, arts and crafts, and music are needed, as well as junior counselors (youth from grade five through high school). If you can help out in any way, please contact Lori at 568-1160.

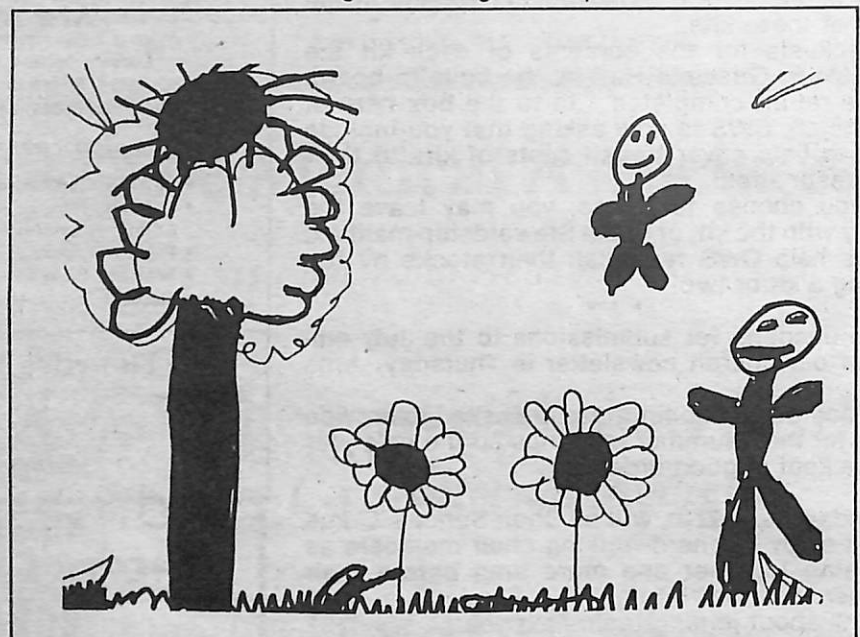
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## Faith Bible Church Hosting Seminar

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, is now hosting a 52-week series seminar entitled "The End Times."

Presented by Pastor James R. Jasmin, this series of Tuesday evening teachings will present current prophetic truths based on Scripture.

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1 Timothy 1:12-17

This is a faithful say-  
ing . . . , that Christ  
Jesus came into the  
world to save sinners,  
of whom I am chief.  
—1 Timothy 1:15

When the great Puritan preacher Thomas Hooker (1586-1647) was on his deathbed, a friend tried to console him by saying, "Brother Hooker, you are going to receive your reward." "No, no!" he breathed. "I go to receive mercy!"

In sharp contrast, A. W. Tozer recalled the prayer of a man who had the idea that he could earn heaven as a reward for trying to keep the Ten Commandments. It went something like this: "Now, God, I admit I have not kept number 1 and number 3 and number 7 and number 9. But remember, Father, that I have kept all the others."

How foolish! This man failed to see that if he had broken one commandment, he was guilty of breaking them all (Jas. 2:10). His works were earning him condemnation, not salvation.

As the apostle Paul reviewed his 30-plus years of sacrificial service, he saw himself as the "chief" of sinners and totally dependent on God's mercy. Although he undoubtedly anticipated the rewards he would receive, he gloried only in the cross (Gal. 6:14). There Jesus paid the price for sin so that everyone who trusts in Him will receive mercy.

The wonder of God's mercy and grace! Someday I will "go to receive mercy." I hope you will too. —HVL

*'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me;  
Amazing love! How can it be*

*That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me. —Wesley*

GRACE IS GETTING WHAT WE DO NOT DESERVE.  
MERCY IS NOT RECEIVING WHAT WE DO DESERVE.



## Church News - continued...



## Reflections...

submitted by  
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### For Whom Did Jesus Christ Come?

For whom did Jesus Christ come? That might seem to be a strange question. However, it is important that each of us answer this question. Moreover, we need to answer it correctly.

For whom did Jesus Christ come? Did He come into this world to help only "good" or "nice" people? Many people think that Jesus Christ came into this world to touch up the edges of the lives of people who were already doing well. That idea might sometimes be reinforced by what is observed in churches. For the most part, it is the "good" people, the "nice" people, we see in church on

Sunday mornings. For the most part, those who are downcast, either by society or by themselves, think they are not worthy to go to or be part of a church. Somehow, such people have gotten the notion that God either doesn't like them, or care about them. They think they are beyond hope, that they are helpless.

Jesus did not see things that way. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that when Jesus saw the crowds. He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." When Jesus saw people who were beyond hope, who were harassed and helpless, He saw people who needed Him. He saw people who were very much cared about, and loved, by their Heavenly Father.

The word which is translated "helpless" has a much broader meaning than not being able to help oneself or being weak. The word is used in other places in Scripture to describe throwing things away, with a sense of thrust or energy in the action. The idea here would be that the people Jesus was seeing were people who had been discarded, or thrust away, from somebody or

something. Those who have been divorced, or who have been laid off, or who have been generally rejected, have been discarded or thrust away from somebody or something. For those who have been hurt in any of these ways, Jesus says that God has not discarded you also. In fact, the exact opposite is true.

Elsewhere in the Bible we read, "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

For whom did Jesus Christ come? Did He come only to improve the lives of the already "good" and "nice" people, or did He come to rescue people who feel lost and beyond hope? The answer is He came for the benefit of each and every one of us. The reality is that each of us, the "good," the "bad," and those who feel "ugly" all need the love and grace of God in our lives. The Bible describes the Kingdom of Heaven as "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." Jesus' message to one and all is "The Kingdom of Heaven is near."

## News & Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include a special collection for the Open Pantry.

The lectionary readings for the third Sunday after Pentecost are Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-1); Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (or Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100); Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23).

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "Acceptable to God."

Children are invited to attend worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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This Sunday, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry.

In addition to the usual request for grocery items and clothing, the Pantry is asking for the following: hand can openers, second-hand towels, hot plates, electric skillets, sheets, pillows, blankets, and baby items (diapers, onesies, layette goodies, tiny clothes, and baby food).

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Now and through June 13th, the Board of Stewardship & Missions is taking a collection of Health and School kits for Church World Services. The refugee crisis in Kosovo has depleted inventories of these kits.

Checklists for the contents of each kit are available in Griswold Hall by the bulletin board. Please return completed kits to the box here at the church. CWS is now asking that you include \$1/kit to help cover transit costs of kits to their final destination.

If you choose to do so, you may leave the money with the kit, or in the Stewardship mailbox. Please help CWS replenish their stocks by furnishing a kit or two!

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The deadline for submissions to the July edition of our church newsletter is Thursday, June 17th.

All boards and committees are asked to provide dates for their summer meetings so the calendar can be kept in good order.

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Sunday, June 27th, will be Choir Sunday. Come in and enjoy our hard-working choir members as they sing together one more time before their summer vacations begin.

Think about joining them next year!

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On the calendar:

**Sunday, June 13th:** 9:30 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

**Monday, June 14th:** 7:00 p.m., Christian Ed; 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

**Tuesday, June 15th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

**Wednesday, June 16th:** 6:30 p.m., Music; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, June 17th:** Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

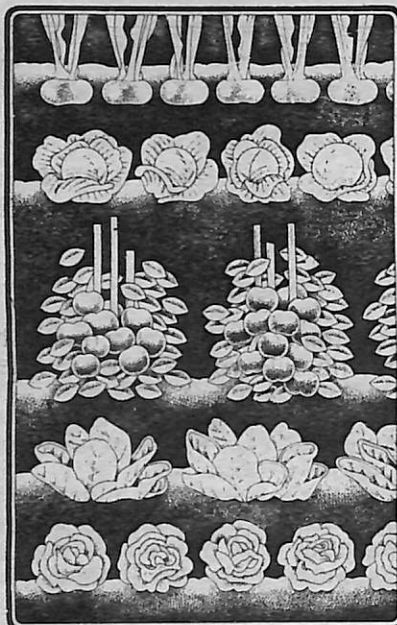
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## Spotlight On Business

### Landmark Closes After Decades Of Town Service

by Kathy Shepard  
News Editor

A familiar landmark which has practically become a legend in the area, **Ryan Drug Store** has closed its doors at its 713 Main Street, Agawam Center address.

This particular Ryan store has been at the Main Street location for 18 years, but Ryan Drug has been in town since 1956. The original Agawam location was on Walnut Street. Closing the Main Street facility will end the legend known as Ryan Drug Stores, a business which has been family-owned for over 104 years.

John Ryan, owner, will work for the new CVS at the Suffield Street location, having sold his pharmacy to that concern. The closing of the facility on Main Street brings an end to the Ryan Drug Store legend, for it is the last of the Ryan Drug Stores. At one time, there were 10 Ryan Drug outlets in various parts of the Greater Springfield area.

#### An Endangered Species

Privately-owned pharmacies are actually something of an endangered species, according to Ryan. "Since the advent of insurance companies having control of prescription prices, the economic climate has not been conducive to the running of family pharmacies," Ryan tells us. "Ryan Drug has been one of the two or three remaining in this area."

A small local pharmacy such as Ryan's might fill from 100 to 125 prescriptions a day, where the big chains would be filling from 600 to 700 a day. The volume of business done by larger chain pharmacies makes it possible to render profits; it is far more difficult for the smaller, family pharmacy to remain in business, he noted.

Ryan admits that it has been "a long stretch, and I kind of regret giving up the business." But when asked if anyone in the family objected to the sale of the last remaining Ryan Drug Store, he replied, "No one in the family was against it. In fact, they wondered how I had done it for as long as I did."

Although the store was not for sale, "everyone wanted to buy" suddenly. "I was in the right place at the right time," Ryan observed. "There are not many independent pharmacies left."

"I certainly appreciate all the customers we have had over the years," Ryan acknowledged. As the fourth generation of pharmacists in his family, he recalls that his dad, who owned the store before him, knew lots of Agawam people, too.

"People have been so nice. This has helped us want to go to work in the morning. There are lots of good memories; nothing spectacular, just a warm appreciation for the customers. Keeping them healthy and out of pain has been all the thanks I have needed. The little daily things have



**THE EXTERIOR OF Ryan Drug Store, 713 Main Street, Agawam — a town landmark that has closed its doors.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

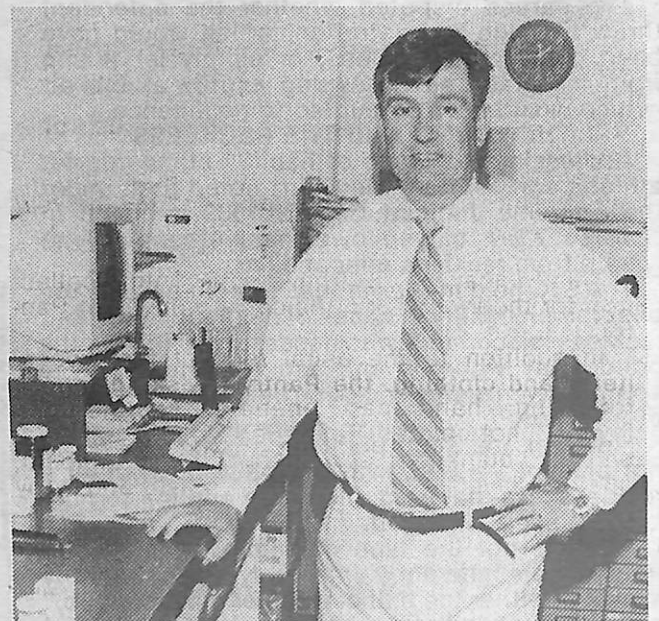
made it worthwhile."

Ryan customers will miss the convenience of a small, family-owned store. One of the most important services Ryan Drug Store has provided for many years has been the option of customers paying their electric and phone bills at that Ryan Drug.

Ryan is pleased that CVS has purchased his business and that he will work at their Suffield Street location, giving his regular customers the peace of mind of knowing where to find him.

Over the years, many Agawam youth have worked at Ryan Drug, getting part-time work in a nice environment while learning about privately-owned and operated business. "We've been lucky to have had good kids here," Ryan recounts. "I want to thank all the people of Agawam who have done business with us over the years and I look forward to continuing to see my customers and serve them at the new location. Agawam has been good to us. All in all, it's been a good 104 years."

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**JOHN RYAN, owner of Ryan Drug Store.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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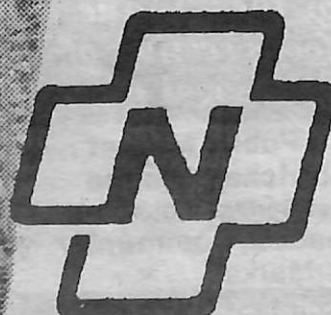
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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

## Legal Memo

by

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## Personal Injury - Golf

A "distressed" golfer whose club slipped from his grasp and injured a companion could be sued for negligence, the Court said.

The defendant golfer argued that, under the Supreme Judicial Court's 1989 decision in *Gauvin v. Clark*, a recklessness standard - as opposed to a negligence standard - applies to all competitors in athletic competitions.

But the Court disagreed, holding that the recklessness standard in the *Gauvin* case was intended to apply to contact sports only.

## TEED OFF

The defendant was golfing with three companions. On the sixth hole, the defendant hit a drive which sliced out of bounds. The defendant, who was apparently quite upset over the result of his drive, lost his grasp of his club, which slipped out of his hands and struck the plaintiff. The plaintiff, who was standing behind the defendant and to his right at the time, suffered lacerations to his scalp.

The plaintiff alleged that as a result of being struck by the club, he suffered flashbacks to his combat experiences from war time service.

The parties disputed whether the defendant threw his club in frustration, which would have been considered reckless, or simply let it slip from his grasp as he swung angrily at the air - which would have amounted to negligence.

## THE YOUNG AND THE RECKLESS

Addressing the issue of liability standards for athletic competition, the Court noted that, under the Supreme Judicial Court's 1989 decision in *Gauvin v. Clark*, players owed each other a duty to refrain from reckless misconduct.

The SJC held in *Gauvin* that "precluding the imposition of liability in cases of negligence without reckless misconduct was necessary to further the policy that 'vigorous and active participation in sporting events should not be chilled by the threat of litigation.'"

However, the Court pointed out, that *Gauvin* did not present the SJC with the issue of whether a recklessness standard should be applied to non-contact sports like golf.

"Golf is not the type of game in which participants are inherently, inevitably, or customarily struck by either the ball or another player's club," said the judge, distinguishing golf from contact sports like hockey, which gave rise to the *Gauvin* case. "Unlike contact sports, where assaults and batteries are the norm, the only time golfers normally touch each other is when they shake hands at the end of a round. The emphasis in golf is on control, finesse, and courteous behavior rather than power, speed, and violent contact."

Thus, a person who is injured during a round of golf only needs to show negligence in order to recover damages.

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## Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

by Sue N. Alvanos  
Personal Financial Advisor  
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534-3883.



## Help Your Kids Learn To Manage Money

Remember when cash was a tangible commodity? As kids, we went to the bank, shopped with our parents, and frequently watched them pay with cash. Now, with cash on the endangered species list, today's kids see a much different picture.

As we enjoy the convenience of charge cards, store value cards, and ATM cards, the challenge of teaching kids about an invisible commodity like money is magnified. If you're searching for ways to teach kids about the importance of saving and how to set and reach their savings goals, here are some practical tips.

**Give kids an allowance.** If you give your child an allowance, try tying their allowance to responsibilities like feeding pets, taking out trash, or cleaning their rooms. Of course, the level of responsibility and the amount of the allowance should be tied to the children's ages and your own financial means.

**Help kids set savings goals.** Work with your kids to create a list of why they should save and things they want to save for - big and small - then help them prioritize it. Ask them to put three stars next to the things they want most, two stars next to the things they "sort of" want, and one star next to those that are least important.

Have them categorize the items as most expensive to least expensive. You can help them use these ratings to choose what they want to save for by focusing on the three-star items they want most and determining how much they think they

can save.

**Help kids find a place to keep their savings.** It's a good idea to keep savings and spending money separate - perhaps in labeled containers. By attaching a picture of that "something special" to their savings container, kids can keep their goal visible. They could use different colored wallets for savings and for spending money or ask if they would like to open a savings account at your bank while keeping spending money at home.

**Help kids track their progress.** Let's face it, kids find saving boring. You can help maintain the excitement of reaching a goal by making a savings thermometer and coloring in the sections as money is saved. Post your kids' progress charts in visible places and congratulate progress. It's important to make saving fun and rewarding with celebrations along the way.

**Encourage kids to avoid spur-of-the-moment spending.** While most kids have good intentions for their savings goals, they are often derailed by impulse purchases - like that hot new toy. Here is some advice you can give your kids to keep them from getting off-course:

- **Leave money behind.** Bring only a small amount of money on shopping trips to help avoid impulse purchases.

- **Don't forget about your goal.** Carry a picture of what you are saving for and compare it to anything you are tempted to buy.

- **Be a bargain hunter.** Wait for the item you want to go on sale or watch for coupons.

- **Don't rush into purchases.** Avoid buying anything you see for at least two weeks. Add it to your "wants" list and prioritize it.

- **Ask for help in securing money.** Parents can help keep your savings in a safe place if you think you will be tempted to spend it.

Once your kids establish a savings pattern, you'll find they take great pride in striving for and reaching a goal. You might even consider matching their savings after they prove they are serious about putting away an agreed-upon amount.

As with anything else in life, kids will find determination and patience are rewarded, and the payoff for reaching a goal is worth the challenge of getting there.

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## Preparing Your Home For Sale...

Right now, we are in the middle of the peak months for real estate transactions. More people buy and sell homes during the spring and summer months than at any other time of year. That means you as the home seller will face more selling competition, but there will also be more buyers in the market.

To give you an advantage in the home sales market, I've compiled the following advice for preparing your home for sale:

- Start by fixing up the inside of your home. Faded wallpaper, chipped paint, or worn woodwork will not appeal to buyers. Selective painting

and wallpapering can give your home a clean, cheery appearance.

Carpet that is badly worn or an out-of-date color may need to be replaced. Choose a neutral color to appeal to the most decorating tastes.

- Repair dripping faucets and doors, windows, or knobs that stick. Small repairs like these indicate a home that's been well cared for.

- Buyers will pay particular attention to the kitchen; make sure yours shines. Clean all appliance surfaces and interiors. Keep the counters and sink free of clutter.

- Closets and hallways should be cleared of excess items. The more open and spacious your home appears, the more attractive it will be to buyers. The same goes for attics, basements, or garages if your house has these features.

- Spend some time fixing up the outside of your home also. Repaint if necessary, and repair gutters or drains. Mow and trim the lawn and hedges. Adding some colorful flowers will increase the curb appeal of your home.

These and other minor improvements can promote the sale of your home.

Contact me at (413) 748-7565 for more suggestions on increasing your home's appeal.

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## More Unusual/Fun Facts...

- Texas is the only state that is allowed to fly its state flag at the same height as the U.S. flag.
- The "save" icon on Microsoft Word shows a floppy disk with the shutter on backwards.
- The airplane Buddy Holly died in was the "American Pie" (thus the name of the Don McLean song).
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
- The average person's left hand does 56 percent of the typing.
- The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life."
- The combination "ough" can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all: "A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccuped."
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch each year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- The name for Oz in "The Wizard of Oz" was thought up when the creator, Frank Baum, looked at his filing cabinet and saw A-N and O-Z, hence "Oz."
- The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses. No one in Greece has memorized all 158 verses.
- The only 15-letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.
- The only nation whose name begins with an "A" but doesn't end in an "A" is Afghanistan.
- The only real person to be a Pez head was Betty Ross.
- The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.
- The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.
- The verb "cleave" is the only English word with two synonyms which are antonyms of each other: adhere and separate.
- The word "checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah Mat," which means "the king is dead."
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "-dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- Tigers have stripped skin, not just stripped fur.
- Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
- When opossums are playing 'possum, they are not "playing." They actually pass out from sheer terror.
- When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home, the stadium becomes the state's third-largest city.
- Who's that playing the piano on the "Mad About You" theme? Paul Reiser himself.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Raymond Rose is the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate firm that represents home buyers only. Comments/questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RayRose111@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online.

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## Attorneys Bonavita, Walsh, And Fogarty Form New Law Firm In Downtown Springfield

Two long-time Agawam residents, Anthony C. Bonavita and William T. Walsh, Jr., and Springfield Attorney Edward B. Fogarty, have announced the formation of a new law firm with offices at 55 State Street in Springfield, MA.

Bonavita and Walsh have for the past decade maintained their office in Agawam, and said this move is intended to expand their services for Agawam residents and all clients.

"This firm will offer to our existing and new clients an expanded service base and will benefit all," the attorneys said in their announcement.

The group will have a firm name of Bonavita \* Walsh \* Fogarty, with a telephone number of 746-9800.

The new firm will offer clients a full range of services with a focus on: business and bankruptcy, estate and tax, real estate and land use, and

all forms of litigation and criminal trials.

The three lawyers have a combined experience of over 50 years as attorneys. Each has substantial background as a trial attorney: Walsh and Fogarty as former Assistant District Attorneys, and Bonavita as former Agawam Town Attorney.

Each will continue to emphasize litigation and criminal trial work along with: Bonavita, Real Estate and Business; Walsh, Bankruptcy and Personal Injury; and Fogarty, Estate and Tax issues. Fogarty holds a degree in Tax Law and has worked for accounting firms.

Bonavita and Fogarty will also emphasize municipal law stemming from their backgrounds: Bonavita as former Town Attorney for Agawam, and Fogarty as a former Planning Board member in the town of East Longmeadow.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Sue LoBello Joins Keenan & Molta's Longmeadow Office**

Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates, is proud to announce that Sue LoBello has joined their Longmeadow office relocation team as Director of Corporate Services.

"Sue comes to us with an extensive background in real estate and corporate relocation services. As Keenan & Molta Associates is now the principal broker for Cendant Mobility, we are the largest and most comprehensive provider of relocation services in Western Massachusetts.

"Sue's role as Director of Corporate Services is more needed than ever and will enable our team to provide higher levels of relocation services to greater Springfield businesses."

Sue has six years of experience in real estate sales and 11 years experience as a Relocation Director. In addition, she has earned her Graduate Realtors Institute designation.

Sue can be reached at 413-567-8931 or 800-765-5401.

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates is the largest 100 percent locally-owned real estate company in Western Massachusetts and the principal broker for Cendant Mobility, the largest relocation company in the world. It has five offices in the greater Springfield area and approximately 70 Sales Associates.

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates offers comprehensive home-selling, home-buying, and relocation services.

**RE/MAX Realty Announces Additions And Recognitions**

RE/MAX Teamwork Realty of East Longmeadow is pleased to announce the addition of Frank Bell as its newest Sales Associate.

Frank has three years of experience in the Real Estate profession, serving both buyers and sellers. During that time, he has amassed sales exceeding \$5 million.

Frank has the Accredited Buyer Representative designation and is fluent in Spanish. He may be reached at (413) 525-2677 or by voice mail at (413) 846-0793.

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RE/MAX Teamwork Realty has also recently received recognition for outstanding sales performance and achievements in the real estate profession during 1998 as follows:

Michael Robie, John Wynne, and Tom Morrisette were part of a select group of high-producing RE/MAX associates in the elite RE/MAX 100% Club.

Art Richton was named to the RE/MAX Executive Club as a result of his high achiever status, while Christine Eddy made the RE/MAX President's Club for her exceptional 1998 real estate performance.

RE/MAX Teamwork Realty is a full service real estate office located at 310 North Main Street, East Longmeadow, ready to serve the needs of buyers and sellers.

**Sales Associates From Keenan & Molta Earn Multiple Awards**

Chet Kasperek of the Agawam office, Cate Shea and Debra Taylor of the Longmeadow office, Gary Burnett and Linda Santinello of the Springfield office have each earned multiple sales awards and ranked among the top 10 for Coldwell Banker Corporation in the state of Massachusetts.

"These Sales Associates exemplify the standards of excellence for which COLDWELL BANKER sales associates are known," said Robert Romanowski, Regional Director for Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corporation. "It is an honor to recognize each one of them as ranking among the top 10 sales associates in the state of Massachusetts."

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**Westfield Bank Selected As An "Honor Roll Bank"**

Donald A. Williams, President of Westfield Bank, recently announced that the Massachusetts Interest on Lawyer's Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Committee has selected the bank as an "Honor Roll Bank" for 1998.

The designation is granted to banks within the Commonwealth who do not charge regular fees to account holders, no handling charges to IOLTA and pay an above average interest rate (1.50%-plus) on IOLTA accounts.

While over 200 banks participate in the program, Westfield Bank was one of only 35 banks selected for this statewide honor.

The IOLTA Committee, using the funds generated from interest paid on Lawyers Trust Accounts, is making a difference in the lives of thousands of Massachusetts residents. Through IOLTA funded grants, the providers and projects give free legal assistance to people living with incomes lower than 125 percent of the poverty level. That represents more than 700,000 people in our state today.

Upon receiving notification of this designation, Mr. Williams stated, "As a local community bank, Westfield Bank is pleased to be able to support such a worthy program. We also thank the lawyers who bank with us, thus allowing us to actively participate in this program."

Westfield Bank is one of the largest independent banks in the area with assets of over \$580 million. Headquartered in Westfield since 1853, the bank has branch offices in Agawam, West Springfield, Southwick, and East Longmeadow. A new office located in downtown Springfield is scheduled to open soon.

**Keenan & Molta Has Record-Breaking Sales For First Quarter**

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"Since 1995, Keenan & Molta Associates has experienced a tremendous increase in the sales of residential properties by over \$50 million. It appears as if 1999 will be another record-breaking year," said Bob Molta.

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DEE EMERY-FERRERO of Agawam (left), the incoming president of the Springfield Business & Professional Women's Club, with past president Ce Ce Calabrese, also of Agawam.

**Installation Dinner Held By Springfield Business Women**

The Springfield Business & Professional Women's Club recently held their installation dinner at the Holiday Inn in Springfield.

Dee Emery-Ferrero of Agawam was installed as President; Robin Beinall, First Vice-President; Tracy Miller, Second Vice-President; Vivian Hale, Treasurer; Maria Pupello, Recording Secretary; and Kathy Chekowski, Corresponding Secretary.

The local Greater Springfield BPW is a part of the National BPW and deals with issues that affect women in the workplace, including pay equity, insurance, and long-term benefits.

On the local level, the Greater Springfield BPW deals with local issues such as "Operation Sweat-suit" for local rape victims, scholarships for continuing education women, and other group and civic activities.

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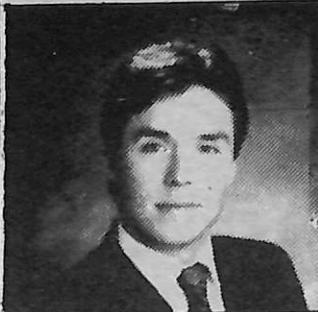


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## Working Out In Intense Heat...

Exercise in this summer heat needs to be handled a bit gently. I am referring, of course, to *outdoor* exercise. Hot weather is one thing; intense heat and humidity is another.

The risk of heat stroke and heat exhaustion is great, so be careful. Exercising indoors in air conditioning would be your safest bet.

Even still, it is important to be sure you are completely cooled down before going outdoors. The elderly are especially at risk during the hot weather. They tend not to feel thirsty as soon as they should, which puts them at greater risk of dehydration.

If your workout is outdoors this season, there are a few things you can do to stay safe. Early mornings and evenings are a great time to get your exercise in. Before the sun fully comes up and just after it goes down are the best. Stay out of the direct sun; this will decrease your chances of not only sunburn, but dehydration as well.

Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing. Dark colors will absorb the heat and hold it in. A white cotton tee will absorb sweat, let air in and out, and reflect some sunlight. Be aware that some rays do get through white tee-shirts, so sunblock at all times and everywhere is still a must.

Water, water, and more water!!! We lose water from our bodies not only through our skin as sweat, not only through our kidneys, but also every time we exhale. When you are exercising, you breathe in and out much more, thereby expelling even more water.

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Yes, before you ask, you can use drinks besides water. Powerade and Gatorade are all great. Make sure what you choose has no caffeine, a little sodium and potassium, and as little sugar as possible. Also, you may not enjoy a carbonated beverage if it is during your workout.

Choose your times wisely. Wear light clothing. Drink plenty of appropriate fluids. Stop immediately if you feel nausea, or any lightheadedness. Any symptoms that don't feel right are a good reason to get indoors and get a cool drink.

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The discs are subject to injury, disease, and degeneration with use over time. Certain activities and types of work increase the risk of discs being damaged or deteriorating.

When the soft interior material of a disc pushes out through a tear or weakening in the outer covering, the disc is said to be herniated. Herniated discs are also called protruding, bulging, ruptured, prolapsed, slipped, or degenerated discs.

There are fine distinctions between these terms, but all really refer to a disc that is no longer in its normal condition and/or position. Herniated discs cause pain by impinging on (intruding upon, irritating, and pinching) and even injuring nerves in the spinal column.

Most disc herniation takes place in the *lower back* (lumbar spine). The second most common site of herniation is the *neck* (cervical spine). A her-

niated lumbar disc may send pain shooting down through your buttock and thigh into the back of your leg (sciatica). Cervical disc herniation may cause pain in the *shoulder, arm, and hand*.

Herniated discs can cause muscle weakness; make it hard to get up when you've been sitting or lying down; and cause pain when you strain to do something, even when you cough or sneeze. They sometimes produce pain in the lower right side of the abdomen.

Herniated discs may also affect nerves to the bladder and bowel, causing incontinence. This symptom signals the need for immediate, emergency attention.

### What can chiropractic do?

There is broad acceptance among health care professionals and the public of the recommendation that the pain from herniated discs be initially treated conservatively. That is, as long as there are no signs (such as severe pain, numbness, or functional impairment from nerve involvement) of the need for more invasive treatment, two of three months of chiropractic care may be the best choice before considering spinal surgery or shots of analgesics (painkillers) in your back.

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**Stroke Support Group:** Wednesday, June 23rd, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital in Westfield. Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke, spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

On June 23rd, the topic will be "Different Types of Strokes: Left Brain, Right Brain, and Brainstem" (speaker to be announced).

**Diabetes:** Tuesday, June 22nd, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital. Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

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**Free Athletic Injury Clinic:** Thursday, June 17th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's Sports and Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

On the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month, a certified athletic trainer will evaluate athletic injuries. Then, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

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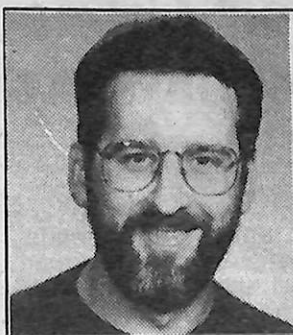
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**Let's Be Fair**

How do I be fair to myself? How do I be fair to you? Some would say the order of these two questions is backwards. They say one should place priority on considering the **other** first, then **self**, when it comes to being fair.

Does the order matter to you? Is being fair important in your life? Does being fair mean taking care of the other person's needs first even to the point of **self-exclusion**? Just hoping that some possibility for fairness remains to even consider your own "I" position.

What does fairness mean, anyway? Some refer to it as a "sense of fairness" - knowing through the senses what is right or wrong. Others say to be fair is something purely **subjective** and objective truth and fairness do not exist. To me, fairness means more than simply knowing what's right or wrong. It means, among other things, giving priority to self-care, being fair to what you know to be good and right.

Now, giving priority to self-care does not mean excluding what is both good and right for the other person. Implicitly, I'm challenging **both** sides to be fair to themselves! Have you ever wondered what your relationship could look like if each party truly cared for self and was able to **move into** the relationship with their own side being fairly cared for?

The very complexion of the relationship might flip-flop if greater balance is given to each person's side. If, of course, either or both persons live in the extreme of self-ish-ness without concern for fairness to the other, then this out-of-balance will provide its own set of difficulties.

When considering the issue of fairness, a key

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## Summer Safety For Kids And Seniors

**by Sherry Petrucci, RN, PHN  
Agawam Health Department**

The end of school is fast approaching, and it's time once again to start planning for your summer vacation. However, please give thought to your safety and that of your little children and elderly.

Remember to wear your bike helmet while riding. Any child under the age of 12 must wear a Snell or ANSI approved helmet. Ride to the right of traffic and follow all traffic signals. Don't ride at night.

Never allow anyone to swim unsupervised. Lock up or remove your ladders from above-ground pools, and keep entrances to your in-ground pool locked while you are away. Be sure you never dive into unknown waters.

Avoid the sun during the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; this is when the sun is the strongest and can cause the most damage to your skin. Apply suntan lotion 30 minutes before sun exposure (SPF number 15 or higher is recommended).

Clothing should be lightweight and loose-fitting. A hat with a brim is advised to shade your eyes, along with sunglasses. Frequent rest breaks should be taken while working or playing on hot days. Remember to drink fluids frequently (six to eight glasses of water daily to prevent dehydration) due to increased perspiration and activity.

Our elderly population should pay special attention to the heat. As we age, our bodies don't perspire as well as they did when we were younger, and perspiring is our bodies' internal heat regulator, helping to lower our temperature. However, with age that regulator doesn't work as well.

Therefore, watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion such as pale moist skin, temperatures about 100 degrees, headache, dizziness, nausea, rapid pulse, cramps, or muscle spasms. Treatment for heat exhaustion is to lie down with feet elevated

12 to 18 inches. Tepid water sponging and fans. Give fluids and seek medical attention if vomiting occurs or temperature remains elevated.

Insect bites can be very annoying this time of year. If you are planning to work or play in areas that may be insect-infested, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, and apply a bug repellent containing no more than 10 percent DEET. Avoid wearing perfumes or scented lotions.

If you should get stung and the stinger is still visible, scrape off — do not squeeze it. Wash the area with soap and water, and apply an antibacterial ointment, calamine, baking soda paste, or meat tenderizer.

If you develop any swelling, apply ice for 20 to 30 minutes. Always watch for signs of an allergic reaction, such as difficulty in breathing or swallowing. Seek medical attention immediately.

Lyme disease is another area of concern. It is caused by a deer tick that can be as small as the punctuation point at the end of this sentence. It is advisable to wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, and check yourself immediately following walks in wooded and grassy areas.

If you should find a tick, remove it immediately by grasping it close to its mouth with fine-tipped tweezers. Do not squeeze the body of the tick; this may release the bacteria causing Lyme disease. After removal, clean the area with alcohol and apply an antibacterial ointment.

Seek medical attention if a rash develops at the site of the bite. A vaccine is now available to prevent Lyme disease. Contact your physician, or your local board of health for more information.

Just remember ... being prepared can help prevent injuries and make for a wonderful summer.

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The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Registration is free, and seating is limited.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.

**CPR Course:** Wednesdays, June 16th and 23rd, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/

Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

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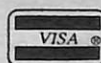


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### Coping With Stress...

Stress can have a negative effect on the body if it is prolonged. Negative stress produces a biological response which can place a tremendous load on many organ systems, especially the heart, blood vessels, adrenals, and immune system.

Stress management includes:

1. Identifying the cause of stress.
2. Eliminate or reduce sources of stress.
3. Identify negative coping patterns and replace them with positive patterns.

Negative coping patterns include:

- Dependence on chemicals (drugs, alcohol, smoking).

- Overeating.
- Watching too much television.
- Emotional outbursts.
- Feelings of helplessness.
- Overspending.
- Excessive behavior.

Positive patterns include:

- Relaxation techniques (including deep breathing exercises twice a day).
- Managing time.
- Enhance relationships with better communication.

- Regular exercise.
- Healthy diet.

Some dietary guidelines to follow are:

- Eliminate or restrict the intake of caffeine.
- Eliminate or restrict the intake of alcohol.
- Eliminate refined carbohydrates from the diet (junk foods and processed foods).
- Increase potassium to sodium ratio (this is to support the adrenal gland).
- Eat regular, planned meals in a relaxed environment.
- Control food allergies.
- Ginseng has been found to enhance resistance to stress.
- Receive maintenance such as chiropractic care; this can help reduce the negative stress cycle that affects the muscles and joints.

Life is too short to be stressed out ... take care of your body — today!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

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component for nurturing both yourself and the relationship is honest communication from one's "I" position. When I can honestly know my I position (what I need to best be fair and care for myself), then fairness requires facing the other with my side.

This process can be very uncertain and even be conflictual due to the different positions each holds. How this difference is fairly negotiated within the relationship, ultimately speaks to the health of the individual, couple, and/or family system.

Please take a moment now to first consider what being fair means to you and how you **move into or away from** honest communication of your side while caring for what fairness means for the other. Perhaps this meeting will produce greater fairness all around, especially for the children in our life.

I'd like to hear from you. Please e-mail or write me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and LET'S TALK ABOUT IT.

Dan Pender, MA, MFT, is a Marriage & Family Therapist with a private practice in Agawam, MA. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy and can be reached by "e-mail" (look for address in his advertisement) or "P.O. Box 449," Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 789-4460.

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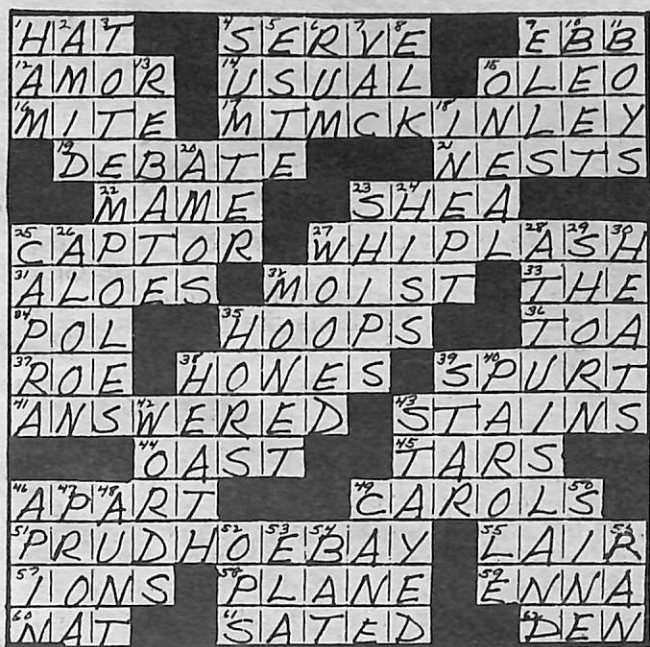
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# Arts

## Last Week's Solution...







## Education



AT THE RECENT CEREMONY naming the Smith T. Rovelli Conference Room at James Clark School. IN LEFT PHOTO: Retired Phelps School Principal William Miller, honoree Smith T. Rovelli, and Clark teachers Shirley Lertora and Marjorie Greenough. IN RIGHT PHOTO: School Committee member Louis Massoia, Clark School Principal Sandi Howard, and Smith T. Rovelli. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

*In Honor Of Retired Clark School Principal...*

## Conference Room Named After Smith T. Rovelli

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Family, friends, and colleagues gathered in the library at James Clark School last week to see the school's second principal become the last person in town who will see a school or a room in a school dedicated in his honor.

The School Committee is in the process of changing the policy on naming schools and in the future only people who have been deceased for three years can be considered candidates for such a distinction.

But, the Clark staff had long been planning to name a room in the new school addition after the man who was their mentor, colleague, principal, and above all, their friend, for 14 years. The paperwork had already been submitted, and Clark Principal Sandi Howard was given the green light by the central office to proceed with their plan to dedicate the teachers' conference room as the Smith T. Rovelli Conference Room.

Principal at Clark from 1981 until his retirement in 1994, Smith Rovelli, along with his wife Barbara and sons Todd and Craig, returned to the school that had been his second principalship to see a conference room named in his honor. The couple's third son, Jeff, was unable to attend the ceremony.

Rovelli said he felt honored when he first heard of the staff's desire to name the room for him. "I just wish Julia Crawford (the school's late principal) was here with us today; but knowing Julia, she's probably looking down at us right now," Rovelli said.

Asked how he would like to be remembered at the school, Rovelli replied, "That I always took the time to listen and didn't prejudge people. I tried to treat everyone as I would like to be treated, and I feel I was successful at doing that. I know people always said they thought I was fair. My style was never to say, 'Because I said so.' I always gave a reason and even if people didn't always agree, they saw my point and sometimes came to me a few years later to say I had been right."

As far as his staff is concerned, Rovelli is remembered just as he would wish to be.

### Teachers Praise Their Long-Time Boss...

Teachers Shirley Lertora and Marjorie Greenough remembered their long-time boss as someone they had been privileged to have as their principal, noting that he treated everyone with courtesy and professionalism.

Mrs. Lertora praised Rovelli for dedicating 30 years of his life to the youth of Agawam and for his dignity, integrity, and professionalism. Mrs.

Greenough described her former boss as "special," "intelligent," "teacher," and "likable leader." Other teachers said Rovelli put the kids first and was always there to support his staff in their personal as well as professional lives. He was the kind of boss who made it his business to know what was going on in the personal lives of his staff, especially in cases of illness, and he did

his best to offer his support, the teachers said. "Your many kindnesses to your staff were appreciated," Mrs. Greenough said. "We were glad you let us know what you wanted from us in your special way."

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A friend for more than 30 years, retired Phelps School Principal William Miller joked that Rovelli had decided to become a teacher after observing his class at Robinson Park School in the 1960's.

Always quick with a quip, Miller couldn't resist noting, "I saw this new policy on naming schools in the paper and I told my wife something's wrong here. I didn't see Smitty's obituary, but it says here you have to be dead for three years!"

All kidding aside, Miller, who began his first principalship at the former Danahy School the same year Rovelli began his first principalship at the former Peirce School, said his friend always knew that his most important role as principal was to facilitate the job of the teachers.

"He was good at whatever he did. He was very efficient at the Chapter 1 coordinator, and he always got money from state and federal grants. He got the supplies you teachers needed; he stayed off your necks and he recognized good teaching when he saw it and he let them go with it."

In announcing the dedication of the new conference room, Clark Principal Sandi Howard invited Rovelli to bring a book to school on his next visit and just sit and read in his own room.

"I don't know Smitty very well, but he was very helpful when I came on board," Mrs. Howard said. "And I have to say I noticed that each time he came back, he looked better and younger, so retirement must be very good to him."

**Following His Retirement...**

After retiring in 1994, Rovelli returned to American International College, where he earned his bachelor of science degree in 1956. But, this time it was not as a student in the teacher preparation program. Smith spent 3½ years at the school evaluating elementary school teachers and getting the chance to see the work being done in public schools in the surrounding cities and towns.

"I was in for some pleasant surprises as to how well-equipped some schools are and how filled their walls were with pictures, letters, diagrams, and the children's work compared to what we're allowed to do in Agawam," Rovelli said. "And I was surprised how well-behaved the kids were."

Since his retirement, Rovelli and his wife, Barbara, a nurse anesthetist at Baystate Medical Center, have done a lot of traveling and just recently returned from a 12-day Disney World vacation, including four days on a cruiseship, with their three sons, Scott, Todd, Jeff, and Jeff's wife. "It was great — tiring, but great," Rovelli said. "How often do you get to do something like that with your whole family?"

One of the benefits of being retired is not having to plan vacations around the school calendar. These days, Rovelli said he can take advantage of off-season bargains and vacation when the crowds are smaller, the rooms are cheaper, and the weather is still great in Florida and the Caribbean.

Rovelli and Barbara still live in the same house the couple bought in 1958 and where they raised their three sons. Todd, a former captain on the Agawam High School *As Schools Match Wits* team, is now a writer and researcher for the program, and he is the full-time music director at St. Cecilia's Church in Wilbraham. Craig works as a computer programmer, and Jeff, along with his wife, is an FBI agent based in West Haven, Connecticut.

In addition to holding a BS from AIC, Rovelli earned his master's of education degree in 1965. He served the Sacred Heart Church baseball league for 13 years as commissioner, coach, and manager, and was on the Board of Directors at the Agawam YMCA for many years in the 1960's and 1970's. Rovellis is a retired member of several professional associations, including the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and the National Principals Association.

## Eighth Grade Open House Slated For June 16th At AHS

An Eighth Grade Open House will be held in the Agawam High School cafeteria starting at 7:00 p.m. on June 16th.

A brief and insightful presentation about the school, introductions of key personnel, and a tour of the building will be featured at the event.

All eighth grade students and their parents are encouraged to attend.

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*Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.*

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# Middle School Counselor's News

by Thomas F. Dacey  
Agawam Middle School Counselor

All fifth-grade studnets have received a copy of the booklet *Getting Organized for Schoolwork and Homework*. They have discussed this booklet with the counselor and have done a written exercise on it.

This booklet contains some good ideas on such topics as when and where to study, how to prepare for tests, and how to organize your time. The students have been asked to bring the booklets home, and the counselor requests that parents please go over the booklets with their children.

Mr. Louis Conte, the assistant principal, visited the four elementary schools in Agawam during the week beginning on June 7th. Mr. Conte talked with the fourth-grade students about coming to the Middle School in September, and he answered

any questions they had.

In addition, the fourth-grade students from each school will be making an orientation visit to the Middle School during the week starting on June 14th. The staff of the Middle School will take these students on a tour of the building and explain the program of the school. This visit will provide another opportunity for the fourth-graders to ask questions about the Middle School.

During their orientation visit, the fourth-graders will be given a copy of the booklet *What Every Student Should Know About Starting Middle School*. Parents would be wise to discuss these booklets with their children. The counselor wishes to thank the Middle School P.T.O. for their generosity in providing the booklets.

## Oak Ridge Golf Club Junior Golf Program

*All classes will be held at Oak Ridge Golf Club.  
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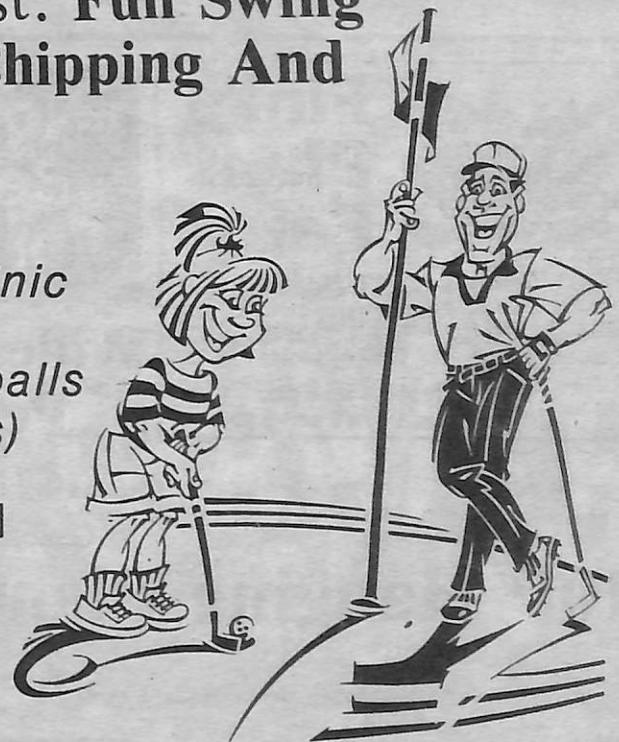
### Summer 1999

#### Topics

- \* Wednesday, July 7th: Equipment, Etiquette
- \* Friday, July 9th: Grip, Body Posture, Initial Takeaway
- \* Wednesday, July 14th: Chipping, Rules
- \* Friday, July 16th: Putting, Etiquette, Rules
- \* Wednesday, July 21st: Full Swing
- \* Friday, July 23rd: Chipping And Putting

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## Phelps Fourth-Graders Honor Veterans...



**FOURTH-GRADERS AT PHELPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** recently participated in "Don't Forget the Vet," a Memorial Day program. Students made "Poppy" favors for the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke and presented them to Doug Fleury, Public Relations Coordinator for the Soldiers' Home. **IN LEFT PHOTO:** Courtney Chisolm, Glenna Brooks, David Depaulo, and Chris Cross. **IN RIGHT PHOTO:** Phelps Principal Robert Farrell, Caitlin Grimaldi, J.J. Lepianka, Mrs. Marsh, and Mr. Fleury. Advertiser

News photos by Jack Devine.

### John Manning Named To Dean's List At Hamilton College

John Manning, son of John and Helen Manning of Oak Lane in Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 1999 spring semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for earning an average of 90 or above during the term.

A member of the class of 1999, Manning majored in government at Hamilton and is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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### Agawam Jr. High School Principal Announces "Last Day Of School Dismissal Procedure"

Agawam Junior High School Principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that the school will observe the following "Last Day of School Dismissal Procedure" in an attempt to dissuade some unsafe practices that have occurred in the past.

Consequently, dismissal procedures for the last day of school on June 24th will be as follows:

#### HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

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• All students, who normally ride a bus home, will be dismissed from their homerooms when

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• Students who will be picked-up and driven home by parents/guardians must have a written note from their parent/guardian.

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Mr. Littlefield thanks parents/guardians in advance for their cooperation and understanding regarding this matter.

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From AHS Guidance Department...

## Did You Hear It From My Lips???

by Judy Cohen

Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

Sitting in my office, I could see the two angry girls clearly as they shot each other dagger looks and spoke accusatory words. Clearly, Jane was upset. She had heard rumors that were untrue and because of them she felt her friends had abandoned her.

Carol, the supposed perpetrator of the rumors, kept interrupting Jane and denying that any malicious and untrue words had been said. But, the argument continued, the shouting increased and name-calling ensued.

Like a referee, I finally made the time-out sign and told both girls it was now my turn and that I would brook no interference from either one until I called on each for her thoughts. "Let's be civilized," I suggested. "Nothing will be gained from shouting, nothing will be heard, and nothing will be settled. You will just cause each other to yell and your emotions will take over."

Through conversation, it became clear that Jane had, in fact, said some things to some of her friends and Carol had heard this from some of their mutual friends. Jane didn't mean to say cruel things, but things were not going well at home and she had to vent somewhere and at someone.

So, yes, she guessed she had used some nasty words, but then, too, she had told her friends to disregard what she has said because she was having a bad time. "Wait!" I implored. "Regardless of a bad day or not, you still said the words, Jane; you still called them names. You still hurt their feelings. And you know why?"

"May I suggest that you were feeling so bad about yourself, that you wanted to knock your friends down a peg or two, so they could share the same miserable place that you were in emotionally, so you called them names so they would feel hurt, like you."

With tears streaming down her face, Jane reluctantly agreed that I was on target. But she still accused Carol of being mean, misconstruing her words and passing around rumors.

At this time, I watched Carol react and as she did, I decided to let her take the driver's seat for a while. Clearly, she was revved up and wanted to have her say. Pointing at Jane, Carol asked, "Did you see those words coming from my lips? Did you? Did you actually see me speaking them?"

Jane sort of moved back in her seat, she stared for a moment, then responded, "No, but I heard you had said things."

"You heard, but you heard from others, not from me. Unless you actually hear something from me, don't believe it."

"That's a good point, Carol, and one so many of us forget," I said. "We should never assume something. You both know what that word, assume, means, don't you? It means to make an ass out of you and me and that's what happens when you assume anything. You must search out the truth; you must ask the person whom you know is involved. You must not be judgmental, but rather listen to all the facts. Jane, now you know that you did upset some of your friends, so they probably are annoyed at you, but you also know that Carol did not spread any rumors about you. Carol, now perhaps you have more of an understanding of why Jane has acted the way she has, not that that excuses Jane for her actions, but perhaps you might have some compassion."

Well, the girls continued to talk, but this time to and with each other, rather than at each other. I found I had to interject less and watched carefully and happily as they came to some sort of understanding. Then, I sent each back to her class. Another crisis averted!

But, once they had left, I realized how much I had gleaned from the confrontation. It is so important to look within yourself, to ascertain your motives, to see where they come from. It is important to be honest with yourself, to feel good about yourself, and then you can be honest with others and won't have the desire to knock them down. I particularly will remember Carol's words, "Did you hear it from my lips? ... If not, don't believe it."

## Jeffrey Lyman Named To Dean's List At Univ. Of Hartford

Feeding Hills resident Jeffrey Lyman, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School, was among students named to the dean's list for the spring semester of the 1998-99 academic year at the University of Hartford.

The University of Hartford is an independent, comprehensive institution of higher education, offering educational and career programs in 86 undergraduate majors and 57 graduate programs of study in its nine schools and colleges.



THE ROOM 2 FIRST-GRADERS who performed in "Little Red Riding Hood" (with a 1950's twist) at James Clark School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Using A 1950's Setting...

## "Little Red Riding Hood" Performed By First-Graders At James Clark School

The first-graders at James Clark School, Room 2, recently put on a play, "Little Red Riding Hood," set in the 50's.

Little Red Riding Hood (Gina Iannuzzi) was wearing a red poodle skirt, and the big bad wolf (Justin Wright) had a white tee-shirt, blue jeans, and loafers.

There was a mother (Caitlin Frazier), grandmother (Rebecca Impionbato), reader (Nicholas Gould), tree-o (Tony Mathes, Kyle Craig, and Jacob Barrows), Birdettes (Kyle Mansi, Alex St. John, and Deepa Desai), and the backbone of our play, the chorus (Nathan Chartier, Dina Desai, Jeffery Smith, Lenny Bruso, Tim McDonald, Steven Klimczak, Shawn Zaborowski, Heather Ghidoni,

David Wilson, Anthony Pereira, Myrissa Toriello, Gabriell Nunez, and Brooke Quesnel).

The play was directed by the teachers in the classroom, Mrs. Curnow, Miss Mineo, and the assistant, Mrs. Govoni. The children worked very hard and did a wonderful job.

They had many songs to learn and some had individual parts to learn, and they were able to make this all work very well together.

This is one of the integrated classrooms at James Clark School where the class is made up of Special Education children and peer partners. The children all worked together and performed marvelously.

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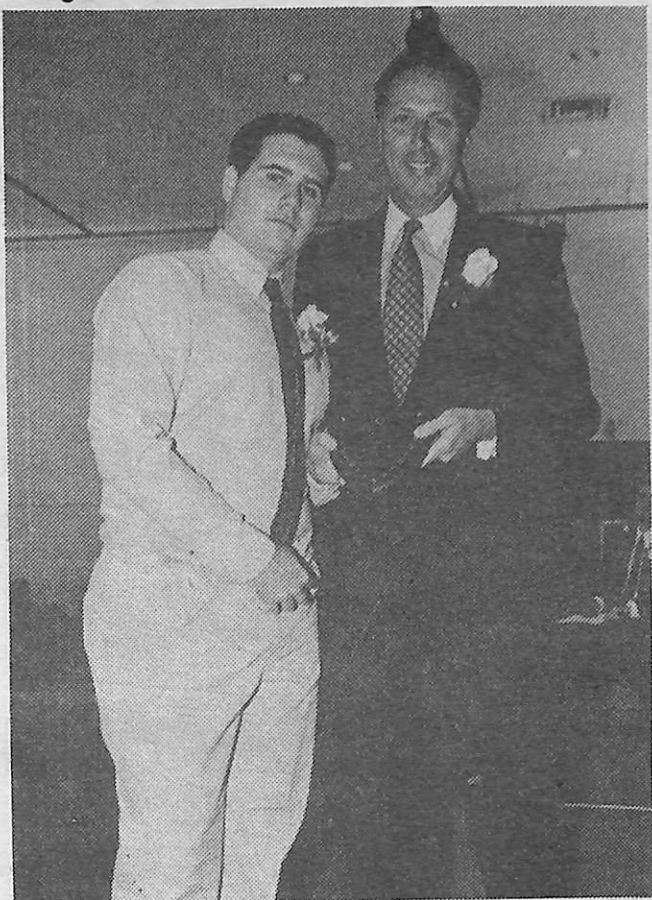
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SHAWN SHERRY receiving his Outstanding Freshman Award at Quinnipiac College.

## Shawn Sherry Receives Outstanding Freshman Award At Quinnipiac

Shawn Sherry of Agawam has received an Outstanding Freshman Award from Quinnipiac College. This award recognizes freshmen who have a 2.75 Q.P.A. or better, are involved in one activity, and have demonstrated interest in others.

Sherry, the son of Joseph and Patricia Sherry, is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School. He is studying microbiology with a minor in biological technology. He also is in the college's honors program and is a member of the pep band.

Quinnipiac is a private, coeducational, non-sectarian institution located 90 minutes north of New York City and two hours from Boston. The college has 250 full-time faculty members and enrolls nearly 4,000 undergraduate and 2,000 graduate students in more than 50 undergraduate and 13 graduate programs of study in Business, Health Sciences, Law, Liberal Arts, Education, and Communications.

Quinnipiac consistently ranks among the top northern regional universities in *US News and World Report's* America's Best Colleges. For more information, visit the school's web site at [www.quinnipiac.edu](http://www.quinnipiac.edu).



CORINNE BUTOVA



STEVEN MESSINA

## Corinne Butova And Steven Messina Attend HOBY At Bay Path College

From June 4th-6th, two Agawam High School sophomores — Corinne Butova of Barry Street, Feeding Hills, and Steven Messina of Castle Hills Road, Agawam — attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar at Bay Path College in Longmeadow. As student ambassadors, Butova and Messina joined more than 90 other young leaders representing as many high schools throughout Massachusetts.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide them with a stimulating forum for learning about the American incentive system and the democratic process, while broadening their understanding of the leadership potential and quest for self-fulfillment.

HOBY ambassadors are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the seminar.

"The HOBY seminar challenged me to think

about the many issues affecting the world around me and helped me understand that as a leader, I have the power to make a positive impact in business, government, and society," said Messina. "HOBY helped me see the leadership potential in myself and to understand that goals and dreams are important regardless of what profession I choose."

HOBY was established by veteran actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa, where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"One of the things Schweitzer said to me was the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

Further information about HOBY activities and sponsorship opportunities is available by calling Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership at 1-800-929-HOBY (4629) or visiting our web site at [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org).

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## Music Award Winners



IN PHOTO ABOVE: Kristin Chmielewski of AHS recently won the "Most Outstanding Soloist" trophy at the Virginia Beach Fiesta-Val competition. IN PHOTO BELOW: Robin Przybyla, Amanda Boissonneault, Mike Kirk, Jessica Siegler, Tony Andruss, and Theresa Wesley of the AHS Jazz Choir display the first-place trophy they won at the Fiesta-Val.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



**Congrats, Jason!**



JASON ST. GEORGE of Agawam Junior High was named the April "Student of the Month" and won a \$50 savings bond. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## The Year In Review For Troop 559

Troop 559 from James Clark School started its troop meetings on October 14, 1998. They met every Wednesday afternoon.

Their Girl Scout troop consists of one troop leader, Theresa DeGiulio, and nine girls. Their names are Crystal Lyons, Lindsay Strole, Stephanie Walker, Megan Chapman, Allyson Wight, Katelyn Doyle, Ashley Fink, Amber Fink, and Jessica Szezepanek.

The following is a list of things that they have been up to during the past school year:

- **October 10, 1998:** Sold calendars at a fundraiser.
- **October 21, 1998:** Field trip to McCray's Farm in South Hadley.
- **October 28, 1998:** Halloween costume party.
- **November 18, 1998:** Made Thanksgiving Day crafts.
- **December 2, 1998:** Made Christmas crafts for The Giving Tree at Tower Square on Main Street, Springfield.
- **December 5, 1998:** Brought Christmas crafts (made sleds) to Tower Square for The Giving Tree.
- **December 9 and 16, 1998:** Made Christmas crafts for parents. On December 16th, had Christmas party and exchanged gifts.
- **January 20, 1999:** They made invitations for their friends and families who were invited to their investiture and rededication.
- **January 27, 1999:** Made a Valentine craft for parents.

• **February 3, 1999:** Troop 559 girls who were new to Girl Scouting were invested, and the girls who were already in the Troop were rededicated. Members of Troop 552 were also involved in this special event.

During the ceremony, the girls earned the following pins and badges...

### Girls Who Were Invested

- Brownie Girl Scout membership pin.
- World Trefoil pin.
- Membership star.
- Some made Calendar Sale badge (1999).
- Best Friends Forever badge.
- Investiture badge.
- "I Love Girl Scouting" Brownie badge.
- World Of Girl Scouting Try-It.
- Girl Scout Holiday Fun badge.

### Girls Who Rededicated

- Girl Scout Cookie Sale pins.
- Girl Scout Calendar Sale badge (1999).
- Best Friends Forever badge.
- Girl Scout Holiday Fun badge.
- First Year badge.

• **February 24, 1999:** The Troop celebrated Girl Scouts' Thinking Day by writing the following letters about "What Girl Scouting Means To Me"...

*I think Girl Scouting is all about sharing and*

*caring and fun stuff like having a Halloween party, picking pumpkins, making things for The Giving Tree, having a Christmas party, making Christmas cards, having a Valentine's Day party, making cards for the Army, seeing animals, having puppet shows, sing-a-longs, and getting your investiture done and having snacks and drinks.*

**Ashley Fink**

*Girl Scouting means a lot to me. It is very fun. I see my friends, go to great places, do crafts, play games, go outside, and I am very lucky to have such a great leader and Troop.*

**Lindsay Strole**

*I think Girl Scouting is fun. I see all my friends, have a snack, and we go on trips together. Sometimes we do puppet shows. We make rededication and investiture and help animals.*

**Stephanie Walker**

*To help the environment and help animals!*

**Allyson Wight**

*Girl Scouts are learning about nature and about animals.*

**Crystal Lyons**

*Girl Scouting is fun to me and I like it. We go on trips and it is a lot of fun. We can go Easter egg hunting. It will be fun, and we do puppet shows. We are sending a card to the soldiers.*

**Amber Lee Fink**

• **February 27, 1999:** As a civic project, there was a benefit Spaghetti & Meatball Supper held at St. John the Evangelist Church Hall on Main Street in Agawam. This benefit was held for the Ruehl/Bahre families due to a tragic accident.

Troop 559 donated one week's worth of dues per person. They also donated brownies and a gift to be raffled off, and sold tickets for the benefit. Their thoughts and prayers went out to these families.

• **March 17, 1999:** A St. Patty's Day craft was made.

• **March 31, 1999:** Troop 559 made an Easter craft and had an Easter egg hunt with Troop 552.

• **March/April, 1999:** Sold cookies as a fundraiser.

• **April 14, 1999:** Troop 559 also donated one week's dues per person to "The Baby Val Benefit." A spaghetti supper was held at the Polish American Club on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. Again, their thoughts and prayers have gone out to this family.

• **May 5, 1999:** Mrs. Fink volunteered her time to make Mother's Day cards with the girls. Thank you, Paula; they came out beautiful.

• **May 31, 1999:** Troop 559 had a float in the Town of Agawam's Memorial Day parade. Their theme was patriotic and reflected the belief that, "Girl Scouting makes the world a better place."

## James Borowiec In National Science Program

James Borowiec, a student at Agawam High School, will travel to our nation's capital as a participant in Presidential Classroom's Science, Technology and Public Policy Program.

The program gives scholars a first-hand look at the political responses to change brought about by scientific advances. Students examine a variety of topics such as environmental quality, space exploration, disease control, and telecommunications. The program will take place June 19th to June 26th.

Joining hundreds of high school students from across the country and abroad, James will take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each branch of government, the military, media and lobbying organizations. Students are also scheduled for a private tour of the White

House and appointments with their Senators' and Representatives' offices. On-site tours and seminars are planned as well. Visits include the National Security Agency, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences at Quantico, and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

Presidential Classroom also offers the PC Scholars Program (our flagship civic education program), the Business, Labor, and Public Policy Program and, for international students, the Future World Leaders Summit.

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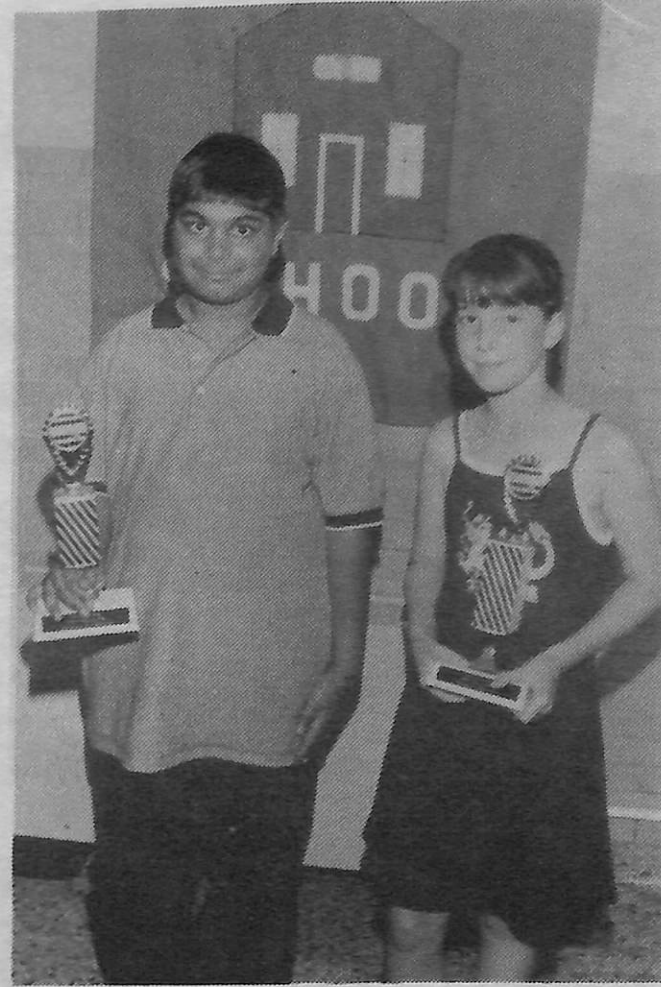
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## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, June 14th:** Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and creamy dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday, June 15th:** Cheeseburg in roll, steamed rice Pilaf, seasoned mixed vegetables, peanut butter cookie, milk.

**Wednesday, June 16th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, honey or mayonnaise, dinner roll, seasoned carrots, chilled fruit cup or chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

**Thursday, June 17th:** Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni and broccoli, Italian bread and butter, chilled peaches or dessert, milk.

**Friday, June 18th:** Half Fluffernutter sandwich, half baked ham and cheese sandwich, oven French fries, catsup, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, ice cream, milk.

(Tickets may be purchased on Monday in the elementary schools for the week. Meal price is \$1.10 daily. If paying by check, make check out to "Agawam School Lunch.")

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## Results Of Annual Spelling Bee Contest At Benjamin Phelps School

Benjamin Phelps School held its annual Spelling Bee Contest on June 3rd for grades two, three, and four.

Under the direction of the Intensive Reading teacher Catherine Gaudreau, the aim of the contest is to recognize students who excel in spelling in respective grade levels.

Mrs. Gaudreau explains that each classroom conducted its own spelling bee contest, and winners served as finalists in the championship competition. There were 12 winners from each grade level that competed before their fellow classmates in the school auditorium.

**GRADE TWO FINALISTS WERE:** Alison Woods, Zachary Noack, Kevin Mangano, Jimmy Grzelak, Carlos Gomez, Brittany Struck, Daniel Masciotra, Nicole Proulx, Mackenzie Doyle, Emily Sotolotto, Megan Chapman, and Kendra Albano.

**GRADE THREE FINALISTS WERE:** Anthony Morassi, Sara Lovotti, Andrea Simmons, Katey Garrett, Andrew Randall, Daniel Walsh, Stephen Walsh, Nimish Shah, Shaunna Howe, Karissa

Venne, Rashad Wright, and Ryan Sullivan.

**GRADE FOUR FINALISTS WERE:** Christina Harbour, Stephanie Depelteau, Nickul Shah, Paul Glantz, Victoria Tran, Paul Trimboli, Anthony Grimaldi, Joseph Scafuri, Hannah Rollins, Emma Hendry, Jessica Lepore, and Thomas Albano.

Besides receiving finalist certificates, students finishing in first and second place were awarded trophies.

Spelling bee champions for grade two were **Jimmy Grzelak** and **Brittany Struck**. Achieving top honors in grade three were **Andrea Simmons** and **Rashad Wright**. And, of the 12 fourth-graders who participated in the contest, **Emma Hendry** was awarded first place and **Nickul Shah** was awarded second place.

Mrs. Gaudreau extends her congratulations to all the finalists and her gratitude to second-grade announcer Barbara Cecchi, third-grade announcer Susan Dukeshire, and fourth-grade announcer Ann McLean.

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## Sports

Boys' Volleyball...

### AHS Ends Its 1st Year On An Impressive Note

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High boys' volleyball Coach Pat Demers would tell you that for a first-year program with more inexperience than a Perry Como fan at a Marilyn Manson concert, they didn't do half bad.

They finished up the season with a 16-4 record and the third seed in the Western Mass. tournament, defeating number-six Westfield High in a quarterfinal match at Kibbe Gym, 15-13, 15-6, 15-6. At one point in the first set, they were down and had to rally back from a 10-2 deficit.

Demers said the team faced such situations all season long, but learned to adapt to and then overcame adversity.

"We made mistakes and were able to recognize them, so we knew where we needed help and how to improve. The more we played, the easier it became to have fun and laugh at the good plays we executed. Sometimes we wondered how we ever got to the ball. We also learned to laugh at our misfortunes when we tried something new and learned that we could make a difference."

However, the dream ended when they traveled to Minnechaug Regional last Thursday to play the second-seeded Falcons (17-3). The defending champs downed the Brownies, 15-5, 15-5, 16-14.

Demers wasn't all that happy with a 4:30 p.m. start, which had been moved up from the original 7:00 p.m. timeslot. The locals played two contests on two consecutive days, and scheduling difficulties forced them to play two games within 18 hours of each other.

"We have to remember, even today, we are a learning team that has come a long way since the first day of practice," Demers added.

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Baseball Playoffs Versus Ludlow...

### Brownies Down Lions, 7-1, During A Real Scorchers

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Last year, the Agawam High baseball team lost a frustrating, first-round playoff game to Westfield High. They were determined not to let that happen again. They didn't. The fourth-seeded Brownies beat fifth seed and visiting Ludlow, 7-1, at Harmon Smith Field on Monday, June 7th.

The Brownies (15-6) did have a singular, minor scare when Ludlow loaded up the bases in their half of the ninth. But junior Brian St. Jean reached back and struck out the final hitter, sending his club into the semi-finals against top-seeded Chicopee High (16-4). At this writing, the game was played at Mackenzie Field on Wednesday, June 9th, at 3:00 p.m. The two teams have not met this season, but AHS Coach Pete Clark was optimistic: "I think we can even play better than we have. We're peaking at the right time ... for the playoffs."

On a day that was downright oppressive, with the temperature in the high 90's and humidity equal to what you'd find in the jungles of New Guinea, Clark was only too happy to give the ball to his ace, Brian St. Jean. The junior didn't disappoint the big crowd circling Harmon Smith.

He allowed one run, unearned off two errors in the second. Along the way, he gave up seven hits, struck out nine, and walked one in his nine innings of work. It was the second time St. Jean victimized the Lions this season. He beat them, 13-4,

on May 3rd (with some help from Dave Federico).

#### AHS Strikes First In The Second...

While St. Jean was taking care of business on the mound, the Agawam offense was doing some business of its own. They struck first in the second. Federico reached on an error. Brian Chechile then laced a double to left center, driving home Federico. Junior Scott Harlin (four hits) then dipped a single into the outfield and Chechile scored.

Mike Carney singled to continue the hit parade, and Agawam's hottest hitter, DH Kevin Mattson, strode to the dish. The big senior promptly stroked another single off pitcher Jaime Urban, driving in Harlin and Carney.

Three innings later, AHS struck again. Third baseman Tony LeClair rapped a triple to left-center. St. Jean then helped his own cause with Agawam's fifth single of the game, sending LeClair across the plate.

While St. Jean had the Lions mesmerized like deer in the glare of headlights, the Agawam offense wasn't finished. A Wayne single, followed by another off the bat of Derek Mercadante (back from a shoulder injury), followed by a Carney double, saw the Agawam lead stand at 7-1.

The Brownies had some good performances at the plate in this one. Carney, Mattson, and LeClair had two hits apiece. Harlin pounded out four.

### "Summer Skate To Ski Race Camp" Taking Applications For August

The "Summer Skate to Ski Race Camp" at Springfield College is accepting applications for their August camp.

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## Lacrosse Raises \$\$\$...



AGAWAM HIGH girls' lacrosse players Courtney Nowill and Stephanie Knodler recently sold candy bars in front of Westfield Bank's Agawam branch. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## American Red Cross To Hold Sixth Annual Golf Tournament

The American Red Cross/Pioneer Valley Chapter will be holding its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 24th, at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Feeding Hills.

Registration/lunch will be held at 11:00 a.m., with the tournament commencing at 12:12 p.m. with a shotgun start/scramble format. Cocktails will be served at 5:00 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner and awards/prizes at 5:30 p.m.

The proceeds from this event will be used to benefit local disaster relief.

Space is limited, and the sign-up deadline is June 11th. Individual and corporate sponsorships are available; individual registration is \$125.

For additional information, contact the Development Office, (413) 737-4306, ext. 903.

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Softball Playoffs Versus Holyoke And Cathedral...

# AHS Defeats Knights, Then Finally Bows To Panthers

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Before the Division I playoffs, Agawam High varsity softball Coach Deb Lickley noted that they'd never been seeded so low — ninth.

"We put ourselves in that position," she said, perhaps remembering an end-of-season swoon that saw the defending Western Mass. champions lose five of their last six games.

One thing about her team, however, was some good pitching which was countered at the wrong times by lack of offense. Lickley was talented enough to coach around the lack of production at the plate.

That happened in the preliminary round against Holyoke, at least for pitcher Lindsay Mason, who one-hit the Knights for a 2-0 victory. It was her second win against them. She also won back on April 30th, 17-1, on a six-hitter.

The Brownies (who have won four of the last five Western Mass. crowns) had to scramble for their runs against Holyoke hurler Lauren Maruca (just a freshman). She gave up only one hit.

Agawam's first run occurred when Maruca nailed sophomore Keegan Clark with a pitch. Clark (daughter of Agawam varsity baseball Coach Pete Clark), true to Lickley's philosophy of speed on the base paths, took second on a wild pitch, then stole third. Maruca, maybe with a case of the yips, loaded the bases and when she walked Kornelia Moysis, Clark came home.

### Lickley's Tactics Pay Off...

Again, Lickley's talents paid off in the third. Amanda Merola reached by way of an error. She swiped second and took third on a ground out. Lickley had the squeeze on, and Clark executed it perfectly for Agawam's 2-0 margin of victory.

The Brownies went to 13-8 with the win, and won the right to meet top-seeded Cathedral at

Blunt Park two days later.

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The Panthers came into this one with a record of 17-3. They'd beaten Agawam twice during the regular season, 1-0 and 8-5, and ended up beating them again, 8-7, proving that indeed the third time is not a charm. Agawam scored first in the third frame when catcher Dianna DiStefano singled in Tiff Blackman.

Cathedral tied it at one in the fourth.

DiStefano brought Agawam's second run in the third off a wild pitch. Then Blackman got her first home run of the season (also the Brownies' first) — a three-run job, making it 5-1, Agawam.

But the Panthers weren't the number-one seed by mailing in the score. They managed six runs in the sixth to take a 7-5 lead.

The Brownies weren't done't by a long shot. Shortstop Jill Gendron and Clark were on base in the top of the seventh when Agawam's 10th and 11th hits of the game (their highest total in a long time) off the bats of Jen Lyman and Erin Rescigno, respectively, drove them home.

### Things Go Against The Brownies...

But lightning, as it had so many times in the second half of the season, struck the Brownies one final time. CHS senior first baseman Amy Lantagne hit an Ali Jackobek offering up the middle. Unfortunately for Agawam, Crystal Stanton was on second, compliments of a single and a sac bunt. That was all she wrote. Cathedral had its hard-fought win and a place in the finals against fourth-seeded Westfield. Agawam finished the year at 13-9.

Lickley noted that when it came time to meet the Panthers, because they were the top seed, they might have been looking ahead to a spot in the finals.

Girls' Lacrosse Playoffs Versus Minnechaug...

# Brownies Fall To Top-Seeded Falcons, In 14-3 Blowout

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

In what was basically a blowout, the Agawam High girls' lacrosse team, which was seeded fourth, fell to Minnechaug Regional, 14-3, in a Division I semifinal game at the Falcons' place. The hosts weren't about to let their 18-0 record and top seeding be blemished by the Brownies. They had downed Agawam by big scores twice during the season — 16-2 and 14-2.

"If there is one team to beat, it has to be Minnechaug," Coach Cindy Grieve admitted on the eve of the contest. Then she added, "We haven't beaten them in three years."

From the get-go, Minnechaug dominated on both offense and defense. They held Agawam's two high scorers, juniors Ann Paquette and Amanda Sternowski, to no points (which, for those two, is almost unthinkable).

The Falcons were up 11-0 at the half. One positive aspect of the game might have been that Agawam played them even from that time to the horn.

Goal scorers for the Brownies included two by Sarah Prussman and one from Shawna Suffriti. Agawam finished its season at 10-7.

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Boys' Lacrosse Playoffs Versus  
Minnechaug...

## Despite Valiant Effort, AHS Falls To Falcons

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' lacrosse team was still steamed over its final regular-season 7-3 loss to Minnechaug Regional. Being the number five seed at 6-10 in the playoffs, to the Falcons' number four (9-8), meant the game could very well be an even match-up.

It was. Minnechaug won, 5-4, but only after a score with 4:30 left in the game decided matters. The Falcons were up, 3-1, after the first quarter and led 4-1 with five minutes gone in the second period. However, Agawam made it 4-3 behind scores off the sticks of Dave Moore, Rob Parker, and Dan Balbony.

The Brownies tied it in the third on a Moore score, then Minnechaug's late charge enabled it to reach the semi-final game (set for this Friday, June 11th) against top-seeded Longmeadow (11-4).

Agawam is only in the third year of its varsity lacrosse program. Before that, they were a club team looking for respect. This appearance in the playoffs, and the way they played, according to Coach Nick St. George, went a long way to boosting their standing in the Western Mass. lacrosse community. They finished with a 7-10 record.

## Danielle Cirillo Wins U14 Race At Riverside Park

Danielle Cirillo, 14, an eighth grader at the Agawam Junior High School, last weekend won the 440-yard dash out of a field of 75 girls in the 14 and under division held at Riverside Park.

For her efforts, Danielle won a \$50 gift certificate to Bob's, four VIP tickets to Riverside Park, and a green championship ribbon. She won the final race by more than 20 yards. Danielle was just coming back from a bout with pneumonia the week prior to the event.

Danielle is the daughter of Tony & Maxine Cirillo of Main Street, Agawam.

## Baywest Youth Hockey Registration On Wed., June 16th

The Agawam/West Springfield Hockey Association (Baywest Hockey) will be holding registration for the 1999-2000 season on Wednesday, June 16th, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Elks Club Pavilion, 428 Morgan Road, West Springfield.

Programs are available from "Learn to Skate" through "Midgets" (14 to 16 years-old).

The registration fee is \$150 for the first child, and \$75 for each additional family member. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be available.

The organization will also be holding an equipment swap on the same evening. Anyone interested in selling outgrown or unused equipment, please contact Jay Sylvain at 786-0275.



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Firestone Bombers	3	6
Valenti's Rest. Braves	2	7
Blimpies Purple Knights	2	6
E. Cecchi Farms Mets	1	7

### 9-10

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Reed's Industries No. 3	2	3
The Cutting Edge No. 2	2	4

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	W	L
Mr. Sign No. 6	5	0
Bradway Limo. Serv. No. 8	3	1
Fitness First No. 7	1	3
Kid's Footwear No. 5	0	3

### 11-12

	W	L
Luigi's Athletics	9	1
Northern Elec. Braves	7	3
Westbank Marlins	4	6
Riverside Phillies	4	6
Alvin's Astros	3	5
Bear Auto Orioles	1	7

### GIRLS' STANDINGS

### 8-9

	W	L
Stan's Soft Serve Maroon	7	1
Phipps Discount Teal	6	2
Ag. Medical Supply Green	3	4
Baystate Gas Red	2	5
American Classics Orange	1	7

### 10-12

	W	L	T
Stop & Shop Green	8	1	1
Dayga Printing Navy	6	2	1
Tolli's Orange	6	4	0
River Auto Gray	5	6	0
Poolman Pools Teal	3	6	0
Partner's Rest. Maroon	3	7	0
Travel Connections Red	3	8	0

### 13-17

	W	L
New Horizons Yellow	9	1
Sand Trap Blue	6	4
Ag. Federal Credit Un. Green	5	5
Hastie Fence Red	3	8
E.B's Rest. Orange	3	8

## Agawam Babe Ruth League Standings

TEAMS	W	L
Fran's Restaurant Indians	7	1
Bill Walsh Royals	5	3
Berkshire Power Padres	5	4
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### SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS

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Dates: Session I, June 28th-July 9th; Session II, July 12th-July 23rd; Session III, July 26th-Aug. 6th; Session IV, Aug. 9th-Aug. 20th; Session V, July 10th-Aug. 21st.

Sessions I-IV run Monday through Thursday. (Friday will be used only if a class is cancelled due to bad weather or if the class is cancelled during the week.) - 4:30-5:00 p.m., ages 3-5; 5:00-5:30 p.m., ages 6 and older; 5:30-6:00 p.m., all ages 3 and older.

Session V is on Saturday mornings only for seven weeks. (Saturday, Aug. 28th will be used only if a class is cancelled due to bad weather.) - 11:00-11:30 a.m., ages 3-5; 11:30-12:00 noon, ages 6 and older.

Cost: \$15 per child per session. Classes are limited to 25 participants.

### SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS

All youth tennis lessons are offered at the Agawam High School tennis courts. Participants must bring their own tennis racquet and water bottle.

Session I, June 28th-July 9th; Session II, July 12th-July 23rd; Session III, July 26th-Aug. 6th; Session IV, Aug. 9th-Aug. 20th.

Sessions I-IV run Monday through Thursday, 9:00-9:55 a.m.; 10:00-10:55 a.m.; 11:00-11:55 a.m.

Cost is \$20 per child per session. Classes are limited to 10 participants per class.

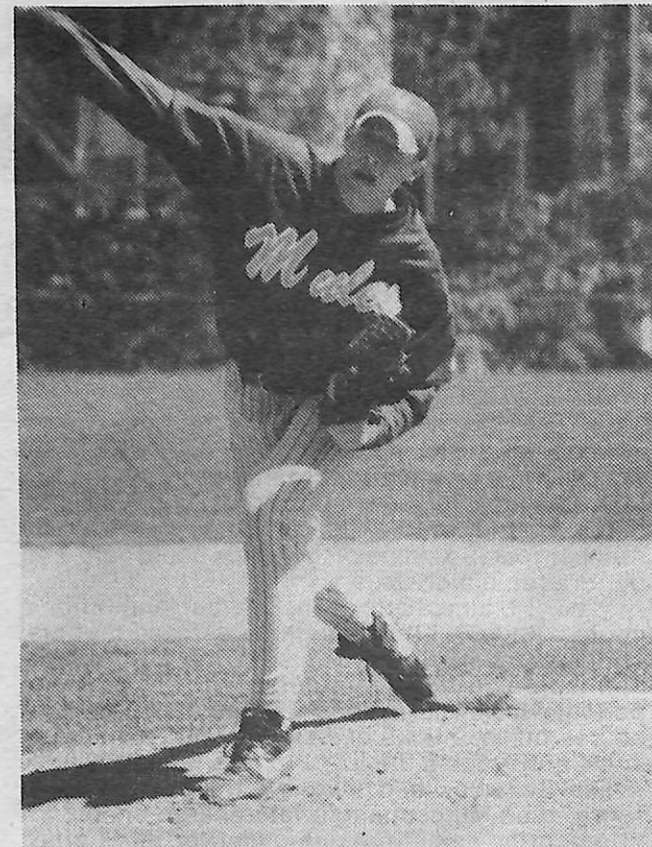
Registration for the above mentioned classes, for Agawam residents only, begins Monday, June 14th at 9:00 a.m. in the Recreation Office. Registration will be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Registration will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis and will go until the class is full. Payment is due in full at the time of registration and made payable to the **Town of Agawam**.

A parent's signature is required for all youth programs. Registration for non-Agawam residents will begin Monday, June 21st at 9:00 a.m.

## Agawam Little League Major Division Standings (As Of 6/6/99)

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Teddy Bear Pools Orioles	8	2
McNair Business Machines	6	4
Mets		
Scott's Citgo Red Sox	5	5
Breakers Billiards Dodgers	5	5
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	4	6
Berkshire Power Indians	3	7
Coldwell Banker Royals	1	9



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## Ryan White Contributes To Muhlenberg Baseball

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The Mules ended the year with a seven-game winning streak — their longest since 1980 — to finish with 17 wins, more than double last year's total and the third-most in school history.

In the Centennial Conference, Muhlenberg won nine of its final 10 games to tie defending champion Johns Hopkins for fourth place, its best finish ever.

Among the players who contributed to the Mules' success this year was freshman righthander Ryan White of Feeding Hills. White showed considerable promise in his first year of pitching collegiately.

His finest performance, and one of the best by a Muhlenberg pitcher all season, came in a game against Swarthmore, when he came on in relief to retire all 13 batters he faced, striking out four, and allowing only two balls to be hit out of the infield. The Mules scored twice in the seventh to give White his first career win.

"Ryan is a smart pitcher and improved a lot as the year went on," said Muhlenberg head coach Bob Macaluso. "We're looking for him to continue to improve and crack the starting rotation in the next couple of years."

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On Saturday, July 17th, Fitness First will hold its seventh Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the New Beginnings Woman's Shelter in Westfield. The tournament is in memory of Fitness First's former Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper, who died as a victim of domestic violence in 1992.

The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of play, one cart per twosome, lunch, steak dinner, golf balls, tees, and a ticket for the giant raffle. The field is limited to 80 golfers, so interested persons should register early.

Fitness First still has some openings for hole and tee sponsors at \$50 each (includes signage). Interested businesses or individuals that would like to sponsor a hole or tee should contact Denise Moffatt at Fitness First.

Dinner-only tickets may be purchased for \$20. Dinner will be served under the tent at Shaker around 7:00 p.m.

Applications are available at Fitness First in Feeding Hills and Nevada Bob's in West Springfield. If you would like to sponsor a tee or green or have an application sent/faxed to you, please call Fitness First at 786-1460.

## Agawam Youth Football To Hold Sign-Ups On June 16th

Agawam Youth Football will be holding sign-ups for the 1999 season on Wednesday, June 16th, at the Agawam Middle School cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Sign-ups are open to players in grades three through eight, and registration is \$75 per person or \$100 per family.

The association provides equipment for players, and space is limited to the first 100 players. All returning players MUST sign-up. Please bring a copy of a birth certificate for all new players.

If necessary, we will be holding a second sign-up on Saturday, June 26th, at the Agawam Little League field on School Street from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Registration must be paid at the time of sign-ups.

The association is looking for new board members. If interested, please inquire at the sign-ups.

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The low water conditions brought about by the recent lack of rain have created a hazardous situation for boaters.

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With the low water levels, these hazards are now close to the surface. The high spring levels of the river can give you a false sense of security. Just because you were able to have passage then, does not mean you have a safe route now.

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The Agawam women's softball "All-Star Game" has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 16th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Agawam High School.

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phenomenal!

Alas, all good things must end, and with the spawning run of herring at about the end of the line, the stiper bonanza is coming to an end as well. It was certainly thrilling to have such hot action so close to home.

For the latest in info and some good tackle deals, check with George Ballingall or any of his expert staff at BG's Pro Fishing Tackle at 933 Enfield Street in Enfield. BG's is THE headquarters for Connecticut River stiper information and gear.

### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Bass fishing has improved in most of the Valley lakes and ponds. The upper stretches of the River have been slow.

The Oxbow section of the Connecticut River has been giving up some decent bass. Northern pike are providing some startling action for some bass fishermen.

Pike action has been coming mainly on spinner-baits and jerk baits. Lures such as the suspending Rogue and the new K.B. Special are scoring heavily.

The late-emerging weed beds and pad fields should start holding some lunker fish. Weedless rigged plastic worms or lizards crawled over the pads should provide some hot action.

Kurt at Saunders Marina on Congamond Lakes reports that the bass fishing is hot. Customers are reporting some very good catches, including one largemouth that went over seven pounds.

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Stripers are everywhere, and as the action in the Connecticut River slows, the coastal areas will have greater appeal. Old Saybrook at the river mouth, Long Sand Shoal, Bartlett's and Hatchett's Reefs, Napatree Point, and the Watch Hill Reefs are all producing bass.

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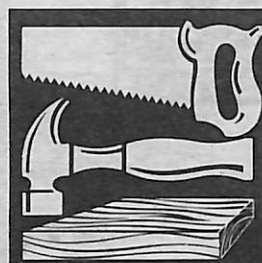
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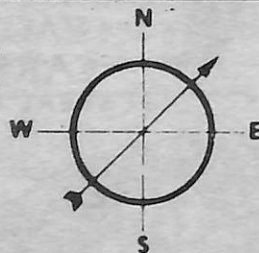
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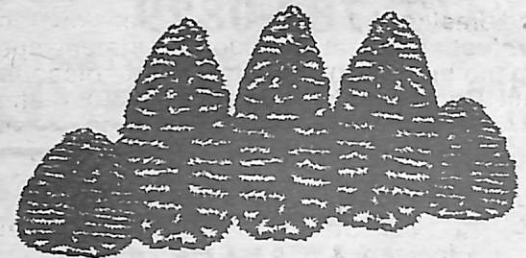
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**MULTI-FAMILY GIGANTIC TAG SALE:** Sat., June 12th & Sun., June 13th, 8 to 4. Sofa, cameras, kids' clothes, bikes, caned chairs, Xmas decorations, household items, bread-maker, video games, clothes, much more. Beekman Condos, 575 Main Street.

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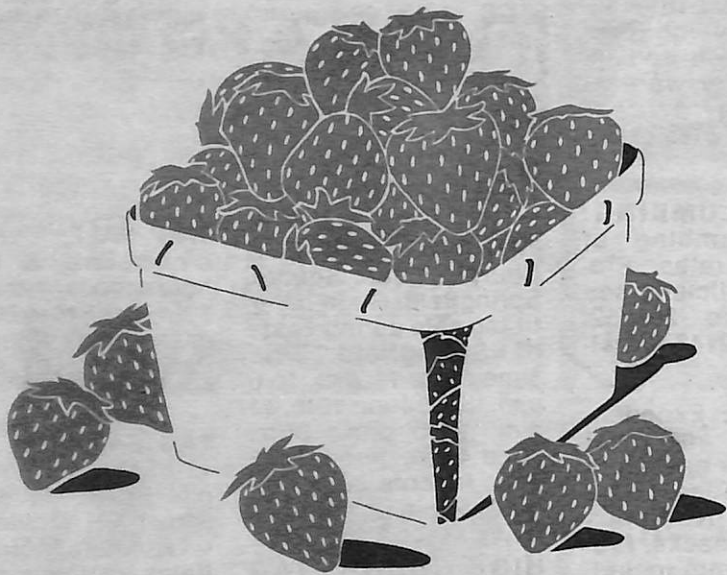
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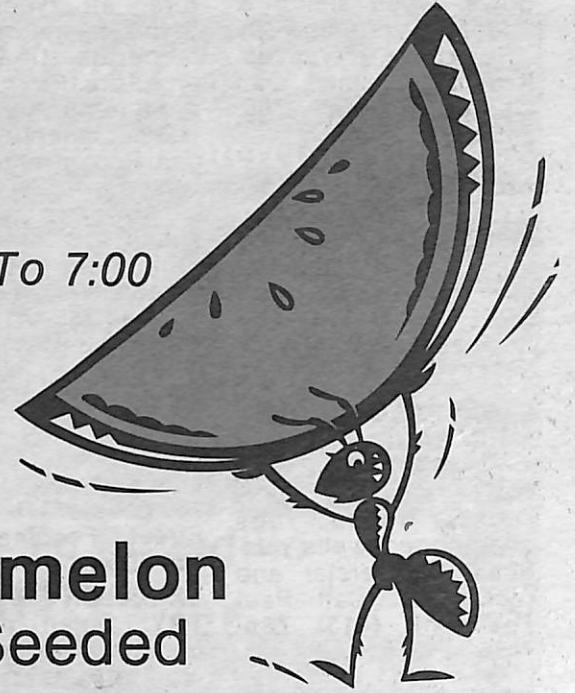
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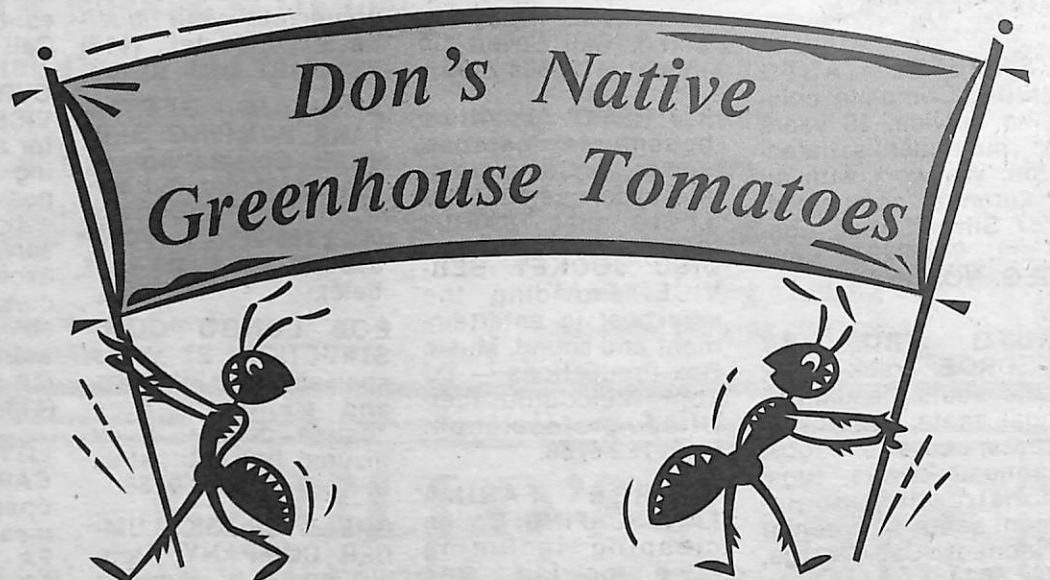
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